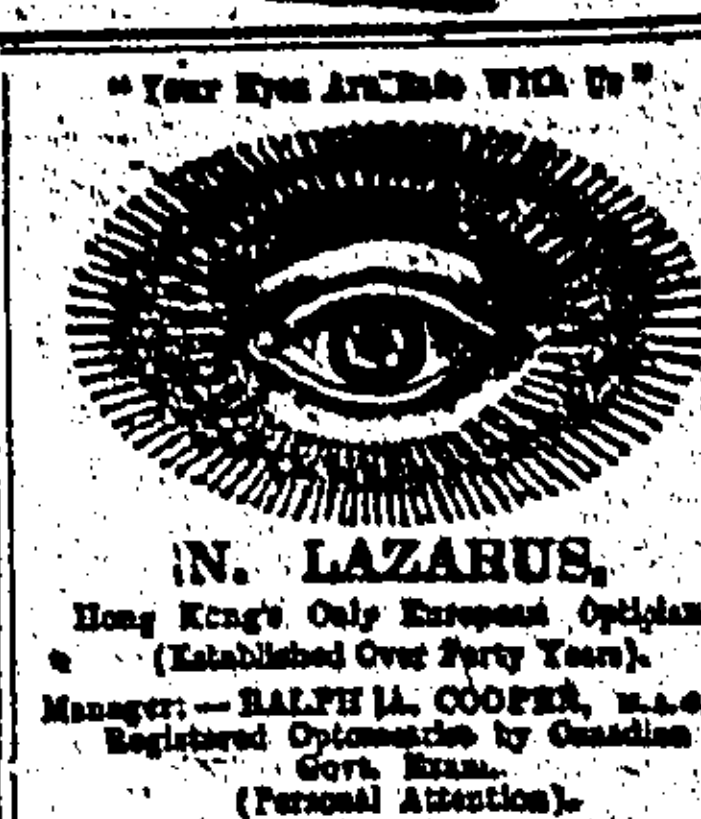


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UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Kowloon	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	10.00	1.15	2.15	2.35	4.30	5.45
Yau Ma Tei	6.49	8.14	8.39	9.19	10.09	10.09	1.24	2.24	2.44	4.39	5.54
Shatin	7.01	8.26	8.51	9.31	10.21	10.21	1.36	2.36	2.56	4.41	5.56
Tai Po Market	7.15	8.40	9.05	9.45	10.35	10.35	1.50	2.50	3.10	5.05	6.20
Tai Po	7.30	8.55	9.20	10.00	10.40	10.40	2.04	3.04	3.24	5.19	6.34
Fanning	7.45	9.10	9.35	10.15	10.55	10.55	2.18	3.18	3.38	5.33	6.48
Shenzhen	7.59	9.24	9.49	10.29	11.09	11.09	2.32	3.32	3.52	5.47	7.02
Shenzhen	8.13	9.38	9.63	10.43	11.23	11.23	2.46	3.46	4.06	6.01	7.16
Canton	8.27	9.52	10.17	10.57	11.37	11.37	3.00	4.00	4.20	6.15	7.30

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Canton	8.20	9.45	10.10	10.50	11.30	12.10	1.25	2.25	2.45	4.40	5.55
Shenzhen	7.18	8.43	9.08	9.48	10.28	11.08	1.24	2.24	2.44	4.39	5.54
Shenzhen	7.32	8.57	9.22	10.02	10.42	11.22	1.36	2.36	2.56	4.41	5.56
Fanning	7.47	9.12	9.37	10.17	10.57	11.37	2.00	3.00	3.20	5.15	6.30
Tai Po	7.61	9.26	9.51	10.31	11.11	11.51	2.14	3.14	3.34	5.29	6.44
Shatin	7.76	9.41	10.06	10.46	11.26	12.06	2.28	3.28	3.48	5.43	6.58
Yau Ma Tei	7.90	9.55	10.20	11.00	11.40	12.20	2.42	3.42	3.62	5.57	7.12
Kowloon	8.05	10.10	10.35	11.15	11.55	12.35	2.56	3.56	4.16	6.11	7.26

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WHEN WEALTH IS A WORRY.

THE TRIALS OF LADY HOUSTON.

THE NEW WHITE STAR LINER.

GETTING READY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, September 8th.
Pity the sorrows of a very wealthy woman! Lady Houston, the widow of Sir Robert Houston who died a few years ago and left her the bulk of his fortune of seven million pounds, complains that she is literally overwhelmed with begging letters. They come from individuals and from charitable institutions, from all parts of Britain and from abroad. Lady Houston describes the appeals as reaching her like an avalanche—"too heavy to shoulder, a bewildering, a weariness to the flesh."

It seems that the letters are written from every country in Europe, but most of them arrive from Germany. Offers of marriage are frequently received, with photographs of fascinating men whose only ambition in life is to assist the lady to spend her big fortune. Lady Houston writes to the Press to let it be known that she has more correspondence of this sort than she can deal with for months to come, but is doubtful whether this will protect her from the crowds who are hungry for money.

Those of us who sometimes sigh for a larger slice of wealth may find some consolation in reflecting that this fair owner of many millions is worried and perplexed because of her riches, and is unable to escape from the insistence of beggars and impostors at home and abroad.

The Foreign Secretary.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's departure from London for health visit to California has called forth widespread expressions of good will towards him. The Foreign Minister is a very sick man. He has been doing too much work, without taking adequate holidays, and is now paying the penalty. I hear that in Government circles it is not expected that he will be able to resume his place in official and Parliamentary life for a year, although at the moment it is stated that he will be back again in the late Spring.

Those who saw Sir Austen when he stepped into the train for Liverpool were somewhat shocked at the change in his appearance. He walked like an old and broken man, leaning on the arm of his son. As one of the consequences of his lowered vitality he has been attacked by neuritis in one arm, which he carries in a sling. He has never been robust, and the amount of work he has put in over League of Nations matters has been prodigious. Probably he would not have broken down if he had taken reasonable exercise. But he is like his distinguished father, the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who used to say he never stood up if there was anywhere he could sit, and never walked if he could ride.

The World's Biggest Ship.

There has been considerable secrecy about the new White Star liner which is being built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff at Belfast. The experts in such matters were vastly interested to know whether the rumour was true that the ship was to be the biggest in the world. The secret is now disclosed, and it appears that the vessel will reach the enormous tonnage of 60,000 tons.

This will be 4,000 tons more than the *Majestic*, at present the largest ship afloat, and larger by 8,000 tons than the *Leviathan*. The keel of the new wonder-ship has been laid, and it is stated that her construction will take three years and will cost between five and six million pounds sterling.

Speed As Well As Size.

There is some speculation as to whether the new liner will be the fastest as well as the biggest to sail the sea. It is certain that the importance of speed has not been forgotten. Lord Kylsant estimated as much at the last annual meeting of the White Star Line by saying that the management contemplated "a new express mail (Continued on next column).

FIRE AT PRINCESS MARY'S HOME.

SIX RACEHORSES BURNED TO DEATH.

Six valuable yearling horses were destroyed in a fire which occurred in the paddock stables at Goldsbrough Hall on September 8th. The yearlings were the produce of racehorses owned by Lord Lascelles, and were valued at many thousands of pounds. Goldsbrough Hall is situated about 250 yards from the scene of the fire, and was never at any time in danger. The stables were gutted, and the fire, which became immediately beyond control and literally burned itself out, is believed to have originated in the fodder chamber.

Three of the six yearlings were fillies, and were understood to have been entered for the Oaks next year, and the others were promising colts. About 3.30 p.m. one of the staff at Goldsbrough Hall noticed volumes of dense smoke issuing from the paddock stables. The Harrogate Fire Brigade were at once summoned, and estate hands ran to the stables in answer to the fire alarm which was sounded from the Hall. They turned out with an old steam fire-engine which Lord Lascelles bought from the Harrogate brigade some time ago. Unfortunately, they had not enough hose to connect with the Home Farm pond, and so stood helpless until the fire brigade arrived.

The stable building, which was of wood and tiles, had in the meantime burst into flames, and members of the staff who attempted to approach were forced back by scorching heat and choking smoke. Though some of them had come to within a few yards of the stable, they could hear no sound from the horses, which adds colour to the theory that the animals had been carefully asphyxiated by smoke.

When the Harrogate Fire Brigade arrived they found a plentiful supply of water in the Home Farm pond, and soon had two hoses playing on the burning building. In spite of their efforts the roof and walls collapsed, and a distressing scene was presented. The buildings had consisted of a range of loose boxes, and in each one of the compartments there was exposed to view the body of a horse charred beyond recognition. It was seen that no attempt at rescue could be made. When Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, who were staying at Birdsal House (the residence of Lord and Lady Middleton), were acquainted with the news, they were greatly distressed. They received news of the fire from Mr. Nigel FitzRoy, the agent for the Goldsbrough Hall estate.

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Rivalry between the White Star and the Cunard shipping companies has always been very keen, and it is expected that the latter will respond to the challenge, represented by the giant liner of 60,000 tons. Meanwhile the famous Cunarder *Mauretania* of 30,696 tons is still the fastest ship of her size in the world. Although she is 32 years old, it is less than two months ago that she crossed from Cherbourg to New York in 5 days, 3 hours, 17 minutes, which is a record.

Politicians Getting Ready.

Parliament does not meet till November, but the politicians are leaving nothing to chance, in view of the General Election next year. Many of them are cutting their holidays short in order to visit their constituencies and get into touch with the local leaders. Already campaign programmes are being mapped out, and for months to come there will be a flood of political oratory. Mr. Lloyd George is leading off with a big speech at Dundee, and other prominent Liberals are to address meetings in different parts of the country.

The Labour Party are embarking on a propaganda campaign in Wales, and this is to be extended to the Midlands and North of England. The Conservatives are also arranging meetings, although they are not so actively engaged as their opponents. They are relying on the record of the Government to help them when the appeal is made to the electorate next May or June.

I hear that in every constituency in the country and at the headquarters of the three parties in London the experts are very much concerned about the women's vote. The equalising of the franchise must have far-reaching effects, as millions of new women voters will poll at the General Election.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

(October 4th.)

Billiards League: R.E. and R.O. v. K.O.S.B.; Queen's v. Royal Artillery; Warders v. C. and P.O. Club; Dockyard v. Water Police; Land Police v. Garrison Mess.
Grand Tattoo, Sookunpoo, 8.30 p.m.
Technical Institute reopens.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Lovers."
World Theatre: "What Price Glory."
Star Theatre: "The Road To Romance."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Friday.

(October 5th.)

Portuguese Republic Day Reception, Club Lusitano, 10.30 to noon.
Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Grand Tattoo, Sookunpoo, 8.30 p.m.
Memorial Service for Victims of Anking Frigate, Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.
Referees Association Meeting, Scandal Point, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Lovers."
World Theatre: "What Price Glory."
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Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday.

(October 6th.)

Garrison School Swimming Sports, V.R.C., 10.30 a.m.
Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Grand Tattoo, Sookunpoo, 8.30 p.m.
Golf: Autumn Meeting, Fanling.
Ladies Recreation Club, American Tournament, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket: Division I: Indian R.C. v. University (F).
Football: First Division: Kowloon v. Chinese Athletic, Royal Artillery v. Police, Navy v. Queen's, Rector v. Small Units, Club v. South China; Second Division: Rector v. St. Joseph's, South China "A" v. Club, Small Units v. Royal Artillery, South China "B" v. Chinese "B", Royal Air Force v. Navy, Kowloon v. Eastern, Chinese "A" v. University.
Lawn Bowls: Division II: Craigswater v. Kowloon Bowling Green, Kowloon C.C. v. Rector "A", Rector "B" v. Taikoo, East Point v. Yacht Club.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Lovers."
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Star Theatre: "The Road To Romance."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.
Principal Mails: Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Protestant), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Siberian), 6 p.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Fushimi Maru), 8 a.m.

Sunday.

(October 7th.)

18th Sunday after Trinity.
Golf: Autumn Meeting, Fanling.
Chinese Aquatic Sports, North Point, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ritz."
World Theatre: "Girl Shy."
Star Theatre: "Why Girls Go Back Home."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Negapatam, letters only (Zemarets).
Monday.
(October 8th.)

Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Golf: Autumn Meeting, Fanling.
Chinese Aquatic Sports, North Point, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ritz."
World Theatre: "Girl Shy."
Star Theatre: "Why Girls Go Back Home."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only (Yam-sang). Outward: Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland), noon.

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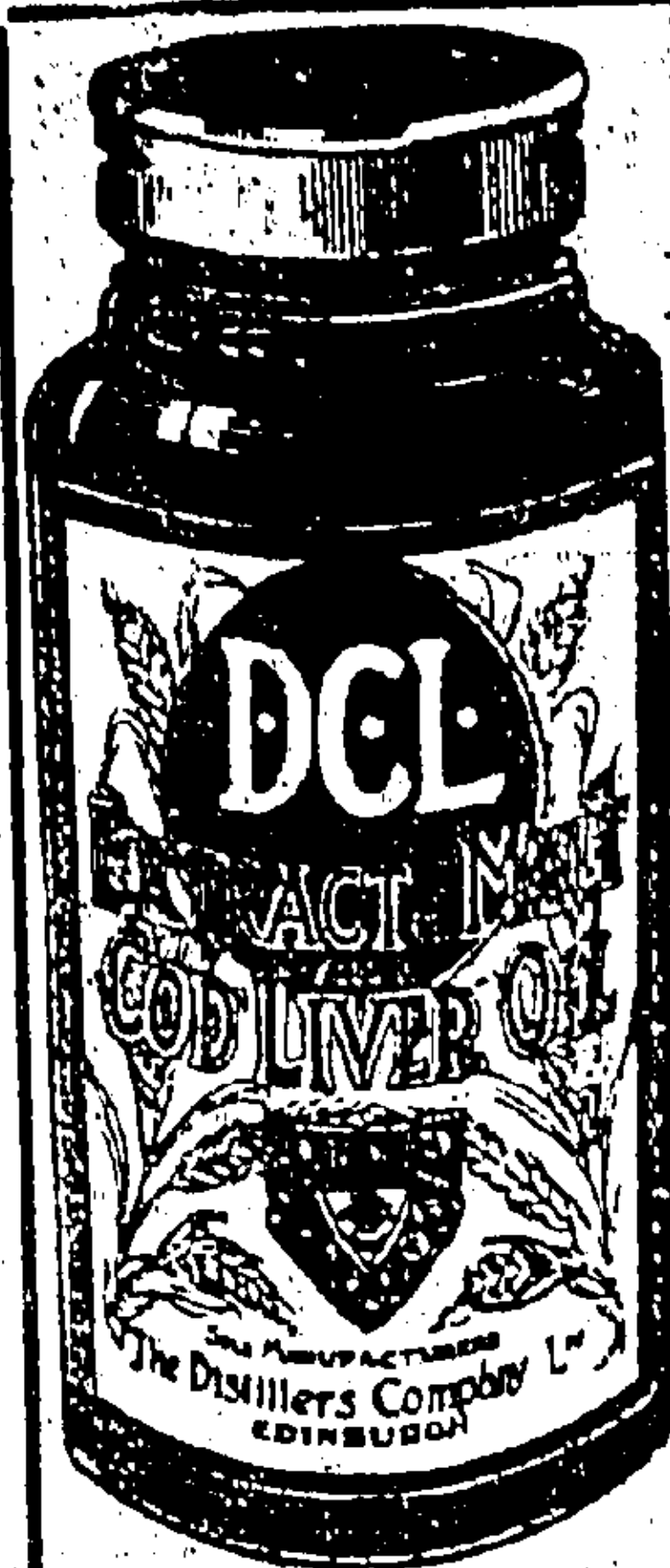
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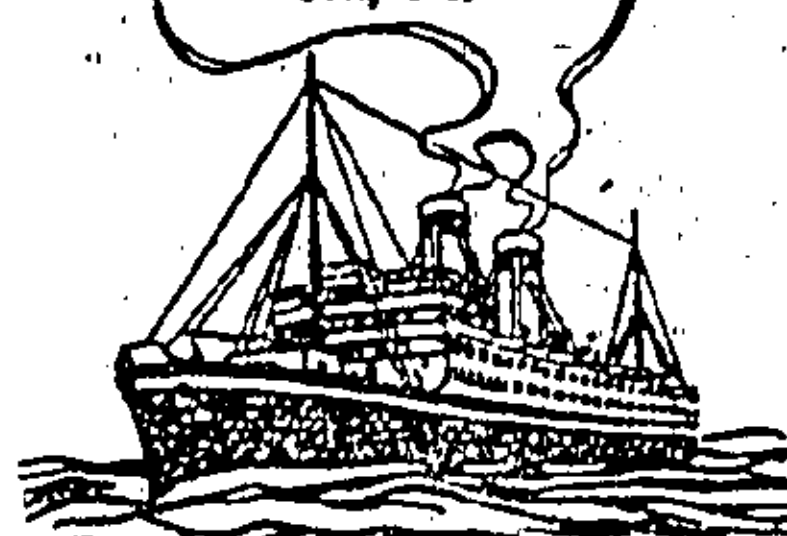
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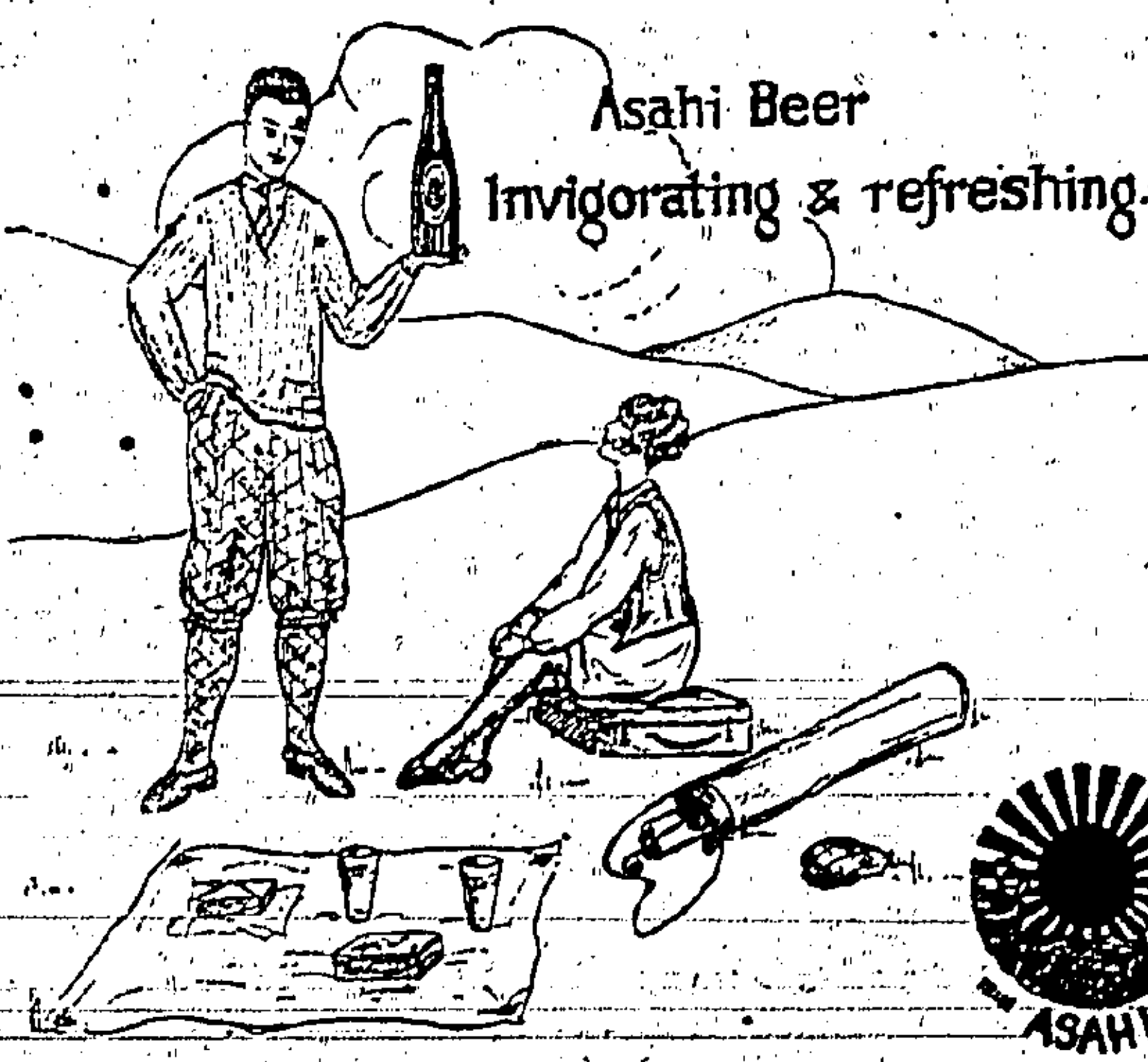
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IMPRESSIONS OF MUKDEN.
THE POLYGLOT.

[BY JAMES KING STEELE.]

Beggar children, thrusting themselves in one's way, whining for alms in Russian and Chinese, creeping close to the hotel door awaiting the stranger, avoiding the doorman—the wide parade before the railway station with its conglomeration of humans, animals and materials—rows of low hung carriages, "victorias" at home and "droshkies" in Russia and Siberia, in every stage of dilapidation, drawn by vicious, underfed ponies with huge Manchou drivers raining blows indiscriminately—long lines of rickshaws with agile and eager Chinese, greedy for each fare—smart motor-cars awaiting the coming of army officers—the ultra modern vulgarity of the limousine of "the General's daughter" with its silk curtains and gay colours—horses, bulls or men, pulling clumsy carts, carrying incredible loads of goods.

All Races of China and Siberia. Crowds of people coming and going, Koreans, Chinese, Manchus, Mongols, Japanese, Russians, a polyglot assemblage of all races of China and Siberia—drab files of soldiers in dirty tan or gray uniforms—swanky officers anticipating the coming of some fellow official—military capes flying in the wind, swords and spurs clanking—Japanese police in inconspicuous uniforms—all awaiting the coming of the train, bringing its news of plots and counterplots, its messengers of good and bad, its contact with the great outside world and the big happenings going on there.

The Japanese city, with wide streets, modern buildings, good pavements, order, safety, confidence—the International Settlement adjoining it, with fewer improvements, less comfort, more dust and dirt, older and less attractive buildings, a feeling of unrest and uncertainty—the Chinese city, a maze of mud buildings with lofty thick outer and inner walls enclosing it, unpaved streets, rutted with weight of loaded carts, long rows of low houses, shops and stores, the dust and the dirt.

Street vendors of sweetmeats, of foodstuffs of many kinds, the unceasing insatiable craving of the Chinese for food at all hours—the workers at their trades—the seething life of a big city, mysterious, compelling, fearsome, with the feel of something portentous about to occur—the deserted yamens of the war lords—the "foreign style" palace of the "Marshal"—the vast arsenal with its tales of graft, in building and operation—the fifty-three fine foreign motor-cars in the "Marshal's" menage—the walls that surround entrance—the squads of soldiers moving no one, knows where or why.

"Some General's Car."

The quick clearance of all street traffic at the roar of the siren on some "General's" car tearing along utterly regardless of human life, the ridiculous guards hanging on the running boards with drawn revolvers and swords—the news of the day's executions, choking the feeling of unreality, the horror of such inhumanities—the wonder of where and when something will break—the drone of aircraft overhead—the night movement of troops to the railway—the pervading sense of being close to an intangible something that looms large in world affairs.

Street life, in all its phases—hundreds of loitering Chinese, sitting, dozing, smoking, talking, talking always—street merchants selling sweetmeats, glazed crab apples strung on a wooden skewer, very attractive to the eye and palate if one dares to sample them—singing tea wagons with steaming spouts, pastry sellers, of unappetizing dough cakes—baskets filled with modern knickknacks—sellers of tobacco and cigarettes— itinerants with their entire stock hanging from a shoulder pole—big stores run by Japanese, Chinese and Russians—radio loud speakers bawling in Japanese from the doorways—bizarre posters on walls and doors announcing the dancing and attractions at the various cabarets for the night—loud coloured advertisements of the cinema shows—the life of the city flowing ceaselessly regardless of the underneath currents.

Cocktail Hour.

"Cocktail hour" at the club—ladies in latest "foreign" styles playing bridge—the long bar, crowded with patrons, whisky and sodas in amazing quantity—clinking of billiard balls on the tables—laughter from a congenial group in the corner—noisy welcome to newcomers—whispered information as to this and that—personage—the English ex-captain, soldier of fortune in charge of the munition works for the "Marshal"—the demure Frenchman who directs the flying activities of the war lord—the *laissez* of this and that—the gossip over the news of the day—the newspaper correspondents hungry for a " scoop"—the American Consul about to be transferred to another post—the good-fellowship of the consular corps—outside in the gathering dusk, the gray out-

(Continued on next column.)

GARAGES WITH SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS.

UNDERGROUND STATIONS
FOR MOTOR-COACHES.

New wonder garages, as large as great railway stations, with waiting rooms, restaurants, and shops, are to be built all over London for the convenience of private motorists and for the accommodation of the ever-growing fleets of motor-coaches operating in the long-distance road services.

Two of these great garages are already under construction, and the Ministry of Transport is taking an active interest in the development of the scheme, which aims at solving the parking problem in Central London, and providing adequately equipped termini for the motor-coach services.

Each garage is to be eight stories in height, and spacious enough to accommodate one thousand motor-cars. The motor-coach stations will be under ground, with arrival and departure platforms, booking offices, and porters.

Mr. Claude Grahame-White, the aviator and motorist, who is responsible for the scheme, said to a Press representative that millions of pounds of capital will be required to carry through the project. Two sites have been chosen—one in Gillingham-street, near Victoria Station, and the other in Park-road, Regent's Park—and workmen are already busy laying the foundations.

"I have incorporated in the plans the best of all the many ideas for modern garage construction I have picked up during a tour of the world to study the question," said Mr. Grahame-White. "I am modelling the garages on the lines of the Grand Central Station in New York. There will be shops all round the main hall, where passengers will be able to buy anything they please."

"When I say that each garage will accommodate 1,000 motor-cars, I mean that this number of vehicles will be accommodated so that each one can be driven away without a moment's delay."

There will be separate inclined roadways for cars going up and cars going down, so that there will be no danger of collision. Motorists who leave their cars at the garages will be taken up to the particular floor by a passenger lift, and will be able to drive straight away.

"We intend to do away with the present system of parking cars higgledy-piggledy, so that there are exasperating delays before the motorist can extricate his car. The Ministry of Transport is taking the keenest interest in the project, because it ought to go a long way towards solving the traffic problems of London."

FIANCEE ROBBED.

WEDDING FIXED AND MAN
GOES OFF WITH £35.

Richard Canham, aged 35, an electrician, was charged at Woking, N.W., with obtaining money by false pretences from Miss Maud de la Bortouche of West Ham.

Canham was engaged to marry the young woman, a tobaccoist's manageress, and the wedding was fixed. She gave up her situation and drew out all her money, £35, from the bank. He took it, promising to get smaller change, but never returned with it.

During his absence he wrote to his fiancée from Brighton: "I am a rotter. I have told you a lot of lies about my income and as I have been gambling, I have lost all."

"I have made my way here to end my troubles by swimming to another world."

Canham had twice been in prison for theft and once for bigamy. He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

When she heard the sentence the woman collapsed and had to be carried out of court.

lines of the walls housing the armed camp of a world figure—inside the cheer and atmosphere inseparably associated with club life that "foreigners" always carry with them.

Dinner in a typical Russian restaurant—zakuskas of many sorts, vodka in many small glasses—soup, fish, entree, roast, with strange sounding names, each delicious as the Russian can make them—the seventy year old ex-General earning his living by playing the piano, hands rippling over the keys, eyes fixed on the wall, thought a million miles away—the sad-eyed chap playing the violin, also an ex-officer of high rank, with inexpressible sorrow in his thin face, his military figure revealing itself despite his cheap suit—two Russian girls and two men at the corner table—champagne corks popping, cigarette smoke rising in a gray cloud—painted cheeks and carmine lips—in the mist, high pitched laughter—the entrance of the delectable dessert, flaming in brandy, that crowns the feast.

Moonlight on deserted streets of a sleeping city—peace, quiet, repose here—with armed sentries mounting the walls of the compounds, out beyond and evil plotting incessantly—behind closely guarded doors—the little known theatre of Chinese politics, perhaps the key to the whole "Asian situation."

£1,200,000 CLUB FAILURE.

ENGLISH CLAIMS LODGED.

FLORIDA BUBBLE SEQUEL.

Bankruptcy proceedings and lawsuits are all that remain of the much heralded Florinda Club, which was to be the "Biarritz of America."

The world's most exclusive club was begun in Florida at the height of the land boom, when fortunes were lost and made daily. But in the middle of 1926 the club had failed to the tune of £1,200,000.

The wealthiest and most exclusive people of the United States and England were invited to become members. Canals, a shooting lodge, golf, polo and yacht clubs, an aviation field, pavilions, and an hotel were part of the original scheme.

It is well known that the architects had designed the buildings and that contracts had been scattered far and wide.

A King's Name.

The corner-stone of a beautiful hotel was laid, among those present at the ceremony being the Countess of Lauderdale and her son Lord Thirlestane. Three hundred of the best salesmen of the United States were engaged, but despite their efforts and the widest publicity the club failed to arouse the interest of the investor. The name of King George of Greece was used freely in advertisements which announced that he was building a house on grounds "overlooking the tropical gardens."

One of the promoters explained recently, during the bankruptcy proceedings which are still continuing, that the use of King George's name was a publicity "stunt." The King has agreed to live in a house after it had been built by the corporation, at the end of the year the King being allowed to sell the property.

English investors, however, were cautious, and the failure of the gigantic scheme has been laid at the door of the cautious English people. It was revealed the other day that only £10,000 was obtained from the British end of the project. Three English people, General Sir John Maxwell, who bought £2,000 worth of stock; the Hon. Mrs. Florence M. Barry, and Mr. Wilfred Fitzgerald, both of whom invested £500, have a suit for alleged misrepresentation now pending against the club promoters.

Other British names listed in the bankruptcy proceedings were the Countess of Lauderdale, £2,000; Viscount Molesworth, £100; Lord Leigh, £20,000; Lord Plunkett, £1,000. Attempts were made to raise £300,000 in England, and the promoting company, which was named the American-British Improvement Corporation, suffered the first severe blow when at the close of 1925 the English syndicate failed at great expense to the parent organization.

Among United States investors were listed Mrs. Horace Dodge, now Mrs. Dillman, as owner of 10,000 shares for which she paid £200,000, and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury as having invested £150,000. They each contributed £50,000 towards repayment of investors.

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Do.	£214 nom.
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Chartered Bank	£21 nom.
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North China Ins.	£100 buy.
Yongtse Insurance	£100 buy.
China Underwriters	£21 buy, 2.00 a.
China Fire Insurance	£275 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	£280 buy.
Douglases	£284 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	£277 buy, 27 1/2 sel.
H.K. Tugs	£28 nom.
Indo-China (Fr.)	£33 buy.
Do. (Def.)	£72 buy.
Shell Transport	£115 nom.
Waterboats	£22 buy.
Bonguets	£3.16 buy.
Kailan Mining Adm.	£9 buy.
Langkate (combined)	£19 nom.
Do. (single)	£19 nom.
Shah. Transport	£19 nom.
Shanghai Loans	£19 nom.
Ranbe	£19 nom.
Tromb Mines	£17 1/2 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	£139 ss.
H.K. & W. Docks	£137 nom.
China Provident	£51 buy, 5.50 ss.
Hongkong	£1.150 nom.
New Engineering	£1.2 buy.
Shanghai Loans	£1.150 buy, 11.50 ss.
Shanghai Cotton	£1.2 buy, 2.40 ss.
Shanghai Cotton (old)	£1.2 buy, 2.40 ss.
Do. (new)	£1.2 buy, 2.40 ss.
H.K. & S. Hotels	£3.70 sel, 8.55 ss.
H.K. Lands	£84 buy.
Shanghai Lands	£1.128 buy.
Humphreys Estates	£15.10 buy.
H.K. Realities	£2.50 buy.
H.K. Tramways	£2.50 buy, 2.45 sel.
Peak Tram (old)	£13 buy.
Do. (new)	£13.50 buy.
Star Farries	£174 buy, & ss.
China Light (old)	£184 buy.
Do. (new)	£184 buy.
Do. (1928 issue)	£12.50 buy.
H.K. Electric (old)	£154 buy, 154 1/2 ss.
Do. (new)	£154 buy.
Macao Electric	£154 buy.
Telephone	£7.15 buy, 7.15 rights
Do.	£5.50 buy, x rights
China Buses	£11 buy.
Singapore Tractors	£12 buy, 12 sel.
Do. (Pref.)	£15 buy, 19 sel.
China Sugars	£1 nom.
Malayan Sugars	£17 nom.
Canton Ice	£2.50 nom.
Cement (combined)	£2.50 nom.
Do. (old)	£2.50 nom.
Do. (new)	£2.50 nom.
H.K. Bays (old)	£7.10 buy.
Do. (new)	£7.10 buy.
United Asbestos	£5 nom.
Dairy Farms	£22.8 nom.
Watsons	£14 nom.
Der. & Wings	£0.50 nom.
Lane Cravertons	£42 buy.
Macintoshes	£27 nom.
Suncro	£34 buy.
Wm. Fowells	£34 buy.
H.B. Amusement	£32 sel.
H.K. Constructions	£31 buy.
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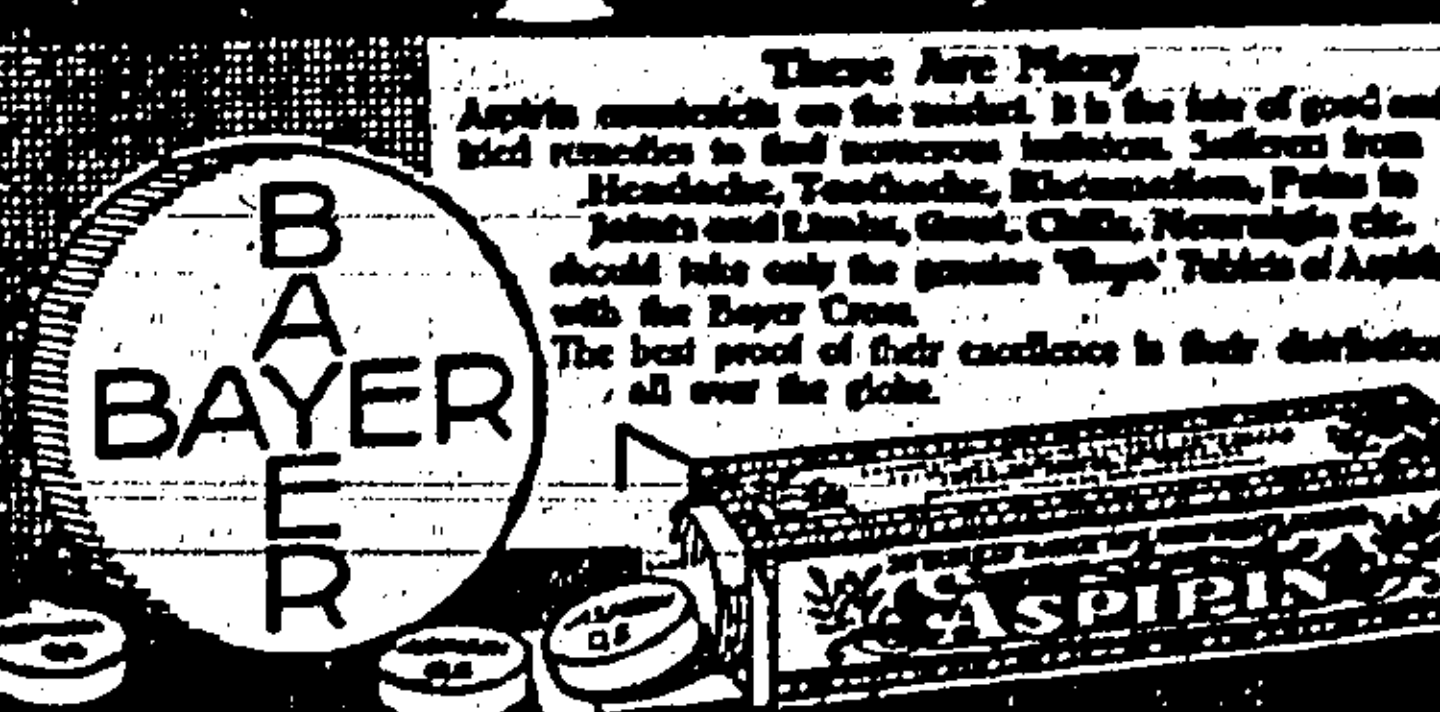
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MISS DEL RIO DISGUISED.

VISIT TO LONDON'S
UNDERWORLD.

AMONG THE CHINESE.

Miss Dolores del Rio, the Mexican film star during her visit to London went to the East End in search of underworld types. She wished to study them to gain knowledge for a film in which she will play, and which will be written round the East End.

Miss del Rio, so that she should not be recognised, bought special clothes, consisting of a plain frock, wool stockings, shoes, and a cloche hat all in black.

She first visited Pennyfields, Poplar, E., and entered with a Daily Mail reporter a public-house frequented by Chinese and white women. The landlord is a black man.

The bar was hung with Chinese lanterns and nearly all the men were Chinese. Miss del Rio was particularly interested in a group of five Chinese and three attractive young, white women who were drinking together at a table.

"Gee, I don't like that, somehow," said Miss del Rio.

Temple Visit.

She went on to the only Chinese temple in London. It is in a side street and is frequented by Chinese, who say their prayers before the shrine of Confucius. The street was thronged with white women and children and Chinese, who appeared greatly interested in the slim figure in black, despite her attempt to avoid recognition.

Miss del Rio also visited a Chinese restaurant and kitchen. She said, "I have always wanted to see the underworld of London. I have seen the slums of Mexico City but this is the first I have visited in Europe. How happy the people look in spite of their poverty and surroundings."

"I have never known what poverty is. But I am intensely interested in it and like playing the parts of poor girls of the underworld."

SIR HARRY LAUDER'S REMINISCENCES.

HIS EARLY STRUGGLES AND
AFTER.

Many stories have been told of Sir Harry Lauder's love of the "bawbees." Some of them were invented by himself, others were broadcast, as he states, by his unpaid publicity staff.

Now, however, the truth is disclosed by Sir Harry Lauder himself in his reminiscences, which are published under the title of perhaps his most famous song, "Roamin' in the Gloamin'."

"At first I resented these stories," he states, "then I tolerated them; afterwards I began to invent them myself, and encouraged other people to invent them. They made up a battery of the very finest free advertisements any stage personality could have wished for. Yes, all the 'Harry Lauder stories' that have winged their way round the globe during the past thirty years have only had the effect of putting more siller in my pouch."

Yet, the fact remains that some of the most fascinating reading in the book—and every page almost has its reference to money matters—is concerned with the money he is making and the money his wife was saving.

Every detail of how much he earned in those early struggles when at the age of 13 he had to be the breadwinner of the large fatherless family, is set down with loving care. And so on, right through his gradual rise to success upon success, until we come to a passage such as this:

Success And Revenge.

He had made a "hit" in his first appearance in London, and in the excitement of the success he had signed up with a number of agents which limited him to comparatively low salaries for several years, during which time he was playing to exceptionally crowded houses.

"My London managers," he states, "were delighted to get me and saying: 'Lauder, old man, you're the biggest gold mine we've struck for years, and I, for one, don't think it fair that you should only be getting £7 or £8 a turn. I propose to scrap your existing contract and pay you a hundred!'"

He was determined to have his revenge. Years after, when a London manager implored him to accept a contract, he replied that he would come for £400 a week.

"The poor man had a heart attack on learning my terms. ... Could I not come down in price to a reasonable sum? 'Yes,' said I, 'I'll come down to £450! And if he doesn't accept that I'll come down to £500. Ask him if he remembers refusing me an extra pound twenty years ago!' The contract at £400 came along inside an hour."

A 94-YEARS-OLD BANKER.

ESTATE OF £2,768,868.

£1,000,000 TREASURY WINDFALL.

The estate of Mr. James Walker Oxley, a retired Leeds banker, who died on July 31st at the age of 94, has been sworn at £2,768,868, including £500,000 in War Loan.

The death duties to be paid on this sum will be at the rate of 40 per cent., which means a windfall of more than £1,000,000 for the Treasury.

Mr. Oxley was senior partner in the old-established Leeds bank of William Williams, Brown and Company, and was personally responsible for most of the details in connection with its transfer to Lloyds Bank in 1900, in which year he completed 50 years' activity in banking. He was for many years a director of the Midland Railway Company.

Mr. Oxley left a son, Mr. Henry Oxley, who is a bachelor, and three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Pryde, Mrs. R. H. Sheppard, and Miss Oxley, who are to receive £100,000 each.

There are numerous local charitable bequests and legacies for old servants. The residue of the estate is left to the son.

Treasury Windfalls.

The receipts from death duties in 1927-28 were £77,310,000, and Mr. Churchill in his Budget speech this year said, "I cannot expect that in 1928 death duties will repeat the exceptional advance they made in 1927."

He estimated a yield of £72,000,000, but present indications are that this will be exceeded, for estates on which death duties will be paid during the present year include:—

	Approximate Duty.
Sir George Wills: (£10,000,000)	£4,000,000
Viscount Hambleden: (£2,500,000)	1,000,000
Mr. Stephen Cliff: (£1,328,901)	473,000
The Duke of Newcastle: (£1,000,000)	250,000
Mr. Edwin Tate: (£818,887)	230,000
Mr. Geo. Blezard: (£545,860)	154,000

There are also the estates of Sir David Yule, whose fortune is estimated at £25,000,000, Lord Buckland, and Mr. W. H. Coats.

A JUDGE'S SYMPATHY.

HUSBAND BOUND OVER ON
WOUNDING CHARGE.

At the Central Criminal Court, London, last month, before Mr. Justice Humphreys, Charles Hodges Gilkes, 42, electrician, pleaded "Guilty" to unlawfully wounding his wife and to attempting to commit suicide. Mr. Justice Humphreys bound the defendant over in his own recognizances in £10 to come up for judgment if called upon, and he was discharged. Mr. H. Brooks appeared for the defendant.

Mr. H. D. Roome, prosecuting, said the defendant had been employed for 25 years by the Post Office and bore an excellent character.

A police officer said the defendant's wife refused to give evidence against him at the police court.

Mr. Brooks, addressing Mr. Justice Humphreys on behalf of the defendant, said there were a number of mitigating circumstances in the case with regard to the home life which had been led by the accused. While he was serving in the War the defendant's wife took up with a man. For some time the defendant's wife promised to reform, and the defendant gave her every chance. Then she took up with another man. She had since become acquainted with a third man, and the defendant's patience then came to an end. The defendant did not want to separate from his wife, of whom he was fond. He came home intending to make a last attempt to patch matters up. He went into his wife's room and asked her to talk matters over. She refused to do that, and then flew into a temper and said she was going out of the house. He thereupon took his pocket-knife out and inflicted the wound. It was a sudden, unpremeditated act.

Mr. Justice Humphreys said cases were often referred to as sad, but this was an utterly pathetic story. The defendant was as decent and respectable a citizen as any man in Court or out of it. He (Mr. Justice Humphreys) was favourably impressed by the tone of the defendant's letters in which he tried all he could to find excuses for his wife. It was the right and manly thing to do. He would not send the defendant to prison. There was every reason to suppose that the defendant would be re-employed in the public service, and he would therefore bind him over in his own recognizances in £10 to come up for judgment if called upon. He hoped that Gilkes's future life would be happier than his past few years had been.

The defendant entered into the recognizances and was discharged.

CINEMA NEWS.

AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY.

Adapted from the novel "Leatherface," by Baroness Orczy and directed by Fred Niblo who directed "Ben Hur," "Two Lovers," a magnificent production starring Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky, will be shown at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "Two Lovers" is a thrilling romance based upon the exploits of the mysterious leather-masked protector of William, Prince of Orange, and the forced marriage of Donna Leonora de Vargas, niece of the Duke of Azar, to Mark Van Rycke, son of the High Bailiff of Ghent.

Elinor Glyn's New Comedy. Ritzy with Betty Bronson in a new type of rôle will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday next. Elinor Glyn, the authoress of "It," which was seen here a short while ago, has produced another success. The adventures of a snobbing young society woman who declares that no one less than a Duke shall be her husband, make an amusing picture. Among those prominently cast with the "Peter Pan" girl, are James Hall, William Austin, and Joan Standing.

"The Road to Romance." "The Road to Romance," with Ramon Novarro, the hero of "Ben Hur" in the leading rôle, is showing at the Star from to-day to Saturday. The story based upon the novel by Joseph Conrad and Ford Madox Hueffer is an exciting tale of adventure with pirates and buccaners in the days of the Spanish main. Ramon Novarro appears as a young Spanish Caballero who goes seeking adventure. A charming romance is contributed by Margeline Day. Among others who have important parts to play are Roy D'Arcy, perhaps the most polished "villain" of the screen, Otto Mattiesen and Jules Cowles.

ACCIDENT MAKES A CRIMINAL.

CHANGE OF CHARACTER.

Thomas Best Gibson Mackenzie, aged 36, independent, of Cartvale-road, Glasgow, was charged on remand at Bow-street before Mr. Fry with obtaining money by a worthless cheque.

Det. Sergt. Vincent said he understood that Mackenzie had escaped from a mental home. When arrested he said, "I don't know what have been doing. My head is so bad." He had been staying at the Waldorf Hotel, Kingsway, where he incurred a bill of £13.

He belonged to a very good family in Glasgow, but they refused to have anything more to do with him. Since 1924 he had been sentenced several times for cheque frauds.

The medical officer of Brixton Prison said the Mackenzie was quite normal until 1923, when he fractured his skull. Since then he had suffered from a form of epilepsy which led to a marked change of character. One felt very sorry for him. There would be some hope for him if he could be induced to give up drink.

Mackenzie said that he came to London in connection with an appointment at the India Office, for which he had been recommended. Mr. Fry passed a sentence of six months' imprisonment without hard labour, and said he hoped that at the end of that period Mackenzie would be cured of his craving for intoxicants.

ONLY A PRIVATE FIRE.

WHY A SOVIET BRIGADE
STAYED AWAY.

The official Pravda (August 28th) is alarmed at "the dangerous misinterpretation placed by the people on the Soviet fight against the private trader." It cites as a case in point the following incident:

There was a holiday in Tavtmanovo; the bazaar was lively, the people were enjoying themselves, and the authorities were strutting along proudly. Suddenly the watch at a nearby factory sounded the fire alarm.

The fire brigade were getting ready when they were told to stop where they were. The factory was run by a private business man. Why should a Soviet fire brigade put out a fire on a privately owned undertaking? And thus the fire brigade continued their merrymaking, and even the attempts to put out the fire made by strangers and peasants were frustrated. The factory was destroyed.

It appears that the last stages of the fire were accompanied by the laughter of the crowd and by all kinds of derisive shouts. But this "demonstration against private enterprise" cost the State dearly. The factory was insured with the State Insurance Department and the private owner received all the money. The Pravda concludes its article against "the fools of Tavtmanovo" by likening them to the passenger on the burning boat who consoled a nervous fellow-passenger by saying: "Why worry, the boat is not yours!"

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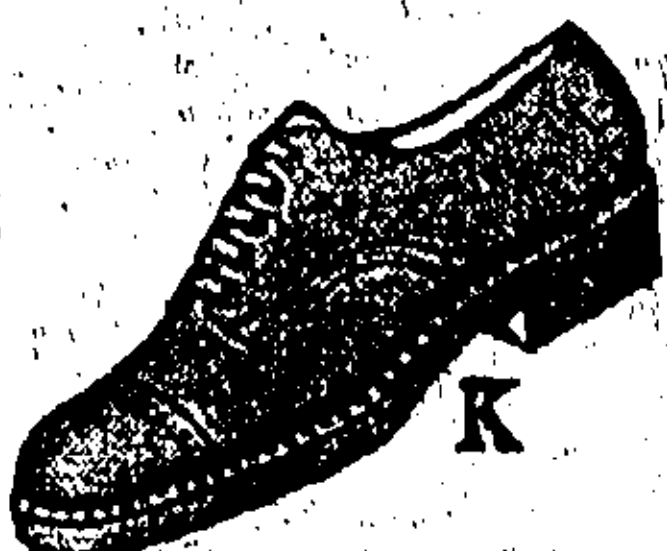
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PRESENTATION FROM CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS.

Members of Union Church, Hong Kong, last evening bid farewell to the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie and Mrs. Macdonachie when the assembly representatives of all protestant denominations in the Colony and of the London Missionary Society with which the Church in earlier years was closely associated. After tea had been served by members of the Ladies Committee, a public meeting took place in the Lecture Hall and in the course of the proceedings the departing Minister and his wife were presented with a silver kettle and a cheque. To the presentation many residents in the Colony besides members of the church had contributed.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston, minister of Union Church, Kowloon, presided over the meeting, and in addition to the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie and Mrs. Macdonachie there were present: the Bishop of Victoria; Miss Davies, and the Rev. H. R. Wells (London Mission); the Rev. F. C. Knight Anstey (Wesleyan Minister); the Rev. H. V. Koop, the Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F., the Rev. Frank Short, several members of the governing body of St. John's Cathedral, and a large number of adherents of Union Church.

A NOTABLE MINISTRY REVIEWED.

The Chairman said: On an occasion like this, one of the conventions of polite society is liable to be deliberately flung aside and ruthlessly trampled on. In the ordinary way it is bad form to talk about people to their faces. It is offensive to make personal remarks, however complimentary. But at a time like this a special license is given to the speaker, while the victim has to suffer in silence. (Laughter.)

Mr. Macdonachie's Ministry in Hong Kong began on March 30th, 1913 and closed on September 30th, 1928, having lasted exactly fifteen years and a half. Thus the Ministry just closed has surpassed in duration all preceding ones since the Church became self-supporting. Not only so but, in that period, Union Church touched a height of prosperity far above the highest reached before, as indicated by the number of seat-holders and the amount of the current income, while the pulpit attained a breadth of influence quite unique.

That the abounding prosperity of the Church was closely connected with the general prosperity of the Colony, none recognised more clearly than Mr. Macdonachie, who wisely foresaw that the conditions were too favourable to last, and that a period of financial depression was liable to follow, for which provision should be made. The beautiful organ installed in 1917, when the tide of prosperity was rising; the magnificent Three-quarter Century Fund of \$40,000, created while finances were at their height, in 1919; and Union Church, Kowloon, founded in 1924, before the depression was seriously felt, remain lasting memorials to Mr. Macdonachie's success, his foresight and prudence, his power of initiative and tenacity of purpose, his breadth of outlook and wise statesmanship. Future generations, in Hong Kong and Kowloon, will still rise up to bless the name of Mr. Macdonachie.

To Mr. Macdonachie are also due the generous gifts of Sir Paul Chater, both to the Mother and the daughter Church. Indeed there is reason to believe that all the liberal benefactions to the Churches in the Colony which distinguished the closing years of Sir Paul's remarkable career, may have been prompted by a sermon of Mr. Macdonachie's.

Far Reaching Influence.
The influence of Union Church pulpit during the past fifteen years is something which cannot be calculated, but which has certainly been immense. Within that period fell the Great War, with all its vicissitudes from first to last, and all the profound and varied emotions which were stirred and all the unprecedented situations and peculiar problems which arose. At such a time a preacher is severely tested, but Mr. Macdonachie rose to the full height of his opportunity. Many have told me that, through those months and years of tension and of awakened communal feeling, his voice sounded out from week to week with a truly prophetic ring.

The sermons of Mr. Macdonachie reached a vast number who never entered any Church at all and hundreds who never even knew him by sight and I know it would be the wish of this unnumbered multitude that I should make reference to the great public service Mr. Macdonachie rendered by the free publication of his Sunday discourses, as well as to the *South China Morning Post* for giving them the benefit of its large circulation. Although possessed of a singular gift of impromptu speech,

Mr. Macdonachie did not spare himself the toil required to put his thoughts into literary form and transcribe them in full for the Press, and week by week, year in year out, well or ailing, maintained a high standard of excellence and remarkable freshness.

While alluding to Mr. Macdonachie's contributions to the papers we need not forget the correspondence column, where, over his own name or noms-de-plume, letters from his facile pen appeared, which not only displayed his broad interests, deep learning, accurate knowledge, or pawky humour or caustic wit and controversial powers, but above all his zeal for Truth and Right. Here again Mr. Macdonachie will be missed by many who admired him for nothing so much as for having the courage of his convictions, being 'no respecter of persons' and putting up a good fight and a clean one.

Work in Hospitals.

These were not the only points of contact with the larger public and the pop-Church-goer. As a Pastor as well as Preacher Mr. Macdonachie went far beyond the limits of his congregation in his hospital visitation. During his last furlough, I took over a part of his Hospital work (the Naval, Military and Civil General) and soon came to realise what a burden he carried. The work is not without its interest but it is exhausting to a degree, and it is never-ending for beds are seldom empty, so that, on a sultry summer day, weary and worn, I often envied the patients I had gone to console, and I have little doubt but Mr. Macdonachie has done the same. I have met many in Hong Kong whose acquaintance with the pastor of Union Church was just that he spoke kindly to them when they were on their backs. They would wish a word of warm appreciation to be spoken at this time of Mr. Macdonachie's untiring ministrations to the sick, the maintenance of this trying work with unremitting diligence through all the years bears testimony to life-long habits of self-discipline and sacrifice of ease to duty.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the benevolent activities in which Mr. Macdonachie has taken part, often a leading and controlling part, such as the Hong Kong and New Territories Evangelisation Society, War Charities, Hospital Committees, German Missions Trust, Y.M.C.A., &c. His connection with the Scottish Volunteers and the St. Andrew's Society has been commemorated elsewhere.

A Sense of Isolation.

Mr. Macdonachie has enjoyed a wide and well-deserved popularity, but popularity is not incompatible with loneliness, for, while it is easy to find a thousand who are ready to be amused with a humorous story, it is hard to find one who will co-operate in a high spiritual aim. The misfortune is that this inevitable spiritual isolation was aggravated by the defective constitution of Union Church, which seems to have been framed rather to curb the Pastor and keep him in restraint than to give scope to his efforts and establish his authority. I refer to this deliberately because I hope a better situation will be created for his successor. Mr. Macdonachie has likewise experienced a sense of isolation, as being for most of the time practically the only representative of the Free Church Ministry—a great change for him after being the Secretary of the Manchester District Free Church Federation. Although well able to stand alone and to defend himself and his cause, Mr. Macdonachie is the soul of friendship and there fore all the more hearty was the welcome he gave to me as a colleague, and very kind has been to me ever since I came.

True And Valued Friend.

How many there are, like myself, who in this hour of leave-taking, are not thinking of the loss to the Colony of one who had become almost a public institution, but of the loss to ourselves of a true and valued friend, towards whom we were continually drawn by reason of his unflinching kindness, ripe judgement, perfect sincerity, sterling character and attractive personality.

And we are losing another kindred spirit in Mrs. Macdonachie. If I have spoken of isolation, it was an isolation always qualified by that sympathetic presence. Mrs. Macdonachie has always seconded her husband's efforts with ability and grace and with plenty of initiative of her own. And as we are gathered tonight to pay a final tribute of thanks to them both for their presence and help during these 15 years and to wish them every good wish for days to come, Mr. J. Mitchell, the Chairman of the Church Committee, paid a tribute to Mr. Macdonachie's work in the pastorate and Mrs. Macdonachie's able support. The members wished them all happiness in their well earned leisure.

THE BISHOP'S TRIBUTE.

The Bishop of Victoria said he endorsed what the Chairman had said about Mr. Macdonachie's influence reaching far beyond the Church. His departure would be a sad loss to the Colony. Among the characteristics he had found in Mr. Macdonachie were big mindedness, scrupulous fairness and the true spirit of comradeship and friendliness. He was taking leave of a colleague, and friend and one whose judgment had been of great help on many occasions. After mentioning Mr. Gladstone's oft-repeated threats to retire, the Bishop said that whether Mr. Macdonachie retired or not, he would have a wide and beneficial influence wherever he went.

Mrs. Macdonachie "A True Friend."

Miss Davies, of the London Missionary Society, expressed regret on behalf of the Society at Mr. and Mrs. Macdonachie's departure. Members of the Society were often prevented from attending morning service, but they found the evening services in Union Church a great source of refreshment. Miss Davies mentioned in the course of her speech that she remembered Union Church when it was in Elgin Street.

Mrs. Macdonachie had always taken such an active interest in the work of the London Mission, especially with regard to the New Territories Evangelisation Society. In losing her they were losing a true and great friend. Speaking as Presbyterian Chaplain, the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.B., said that when the 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. landed in the Colony two years ago he was met immediately on arrival by Mr. and Mrs. Macdonachie who took him and his wife under their wing and had since done them many a kindness. The troops deeply appreciated Mr. Macdonachie's sermons and activities on their behalf, and would be glad to know that he had publicly thanked them.

Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Church Committee, asked Mr. and Mrs. Macdonachie to accept the gift of a silver kettle and a cheque of which he mentioned the members of the Church, both in Hong Kong and on leave, had subscribed as well as others in the Colony who were not connected with Union Church.

The present bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie and Mrs. Macdonachie by members and friends of Union Church, Hong Kong, as a token of affectionate regard—1913-1928."

MR. MACONACHIE'S SPEECH.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Macdonachie said he could present a claim, which he was sure would be honoured, on the sympathy of the meeting. Never in his life had he heard, his name spoken so often within such a short time (laughter) and referred to in terms of such generous appreciation.

Though he had just arrived at the right age to be a Prime Minister, or a Foreign Secretary, he had nevertheless resigned the Pastorate of Union Church, because he felt it was time that younger shoulders were at the wheel and because he had never been able to induce to consider himself. "After all," added Mr. Macdonachie with a smile, "it is better to go while you are still a little fond of me than to wait until you say 'When will the old chap clear out?'" (Laughter.) "By the time I am old enough to be President of the German Republic, that is 80 years of age, I shall be back again to take part with you in celebrating the centenary of Union Church, that is, unless they want me to take on the Presidency of a Republic!" (Laughter.)

40 Baptisms.

Mr. Macdonachie thanked Mr. Johnston for his exceedingly kind review of his career in Hong Kong, he did not know where the speaker got all his information from, but he had brought back to mind many incidents of the past. Mr. Macdonachie referred to some of these, notably the installation of the new organ and the establishment of the Three-Quarter Century Fund (for (Continued on next column).)

DEATH OF MR. L. F. TOWNEND.

CANTON MANAGER OF UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY.

EIGHTEEN YEARS' SERVICE IN FAR EAST.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Lawrence F. Townend, Canton Branch Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., which occurred at his residence, Tungshan, Canton, on Wednesday at 7 a.m. after a little over a month's illness from pneumonia.

Mr. Townend, who was 41 years of age, first came out to the Far East in July, 1910, and spent his first three years at the Head Office of the Society when he was transferred to Shanghai and Tientsin remaining at the latter port until March, 1919. On his return from Home leave in May, 1920, he was attached to the Head Office staff until the end of 1922 when he was again transferred to Manila remaining there until April, 1924. He had been in charge of the Society's interests at Canton since March, 1924.

In the August of 1922 Mr. Townend was married at St. John's Cathedral to Miss Jean McBean, of Inverness, who was for some few years a sister in the Naval Hospital, Wanchai. Mrs. Townend nursed her husband during his illness and much sympathy will be felt with her in the great loss she has sustained. Mr. Townend was a member of the Hong Kong Club and the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and had many friends in the Colony. The funeral takes place at Canton.

carrying the expense of passages and furloughs. As to the latter he had never seen an enterprising move taken up more heartily.

"I have baptized about 280 of my fellow creatures in the Church," Mr. Macdonachie mentioned, "and I see some of them here to-night, almost grown-up." Touching on his pastoral work, the speaker remarked that he was sometimes greeted with the words "well, stranger. But he might have said that to the speakers himself with more reason (laughter and applause). He had been in some of their houses often than they had been in God's House.

Crusade Against Half Baked Rationalism.

As to the part he had taken in correspondence in the Press, Mr. Macdonachie said he was once told that he was always spilling for a fight. That was not true: there was no more desirous of leading a peaceful life, but his blood had sometimes boiled when he found half-baked Rationalistic ideas with which he was familiar as a child dished up to young China as if they were the latest findings of European science. Never before had he lived in a place where men who ate the salt of the King of a Christian country had thought it their business to push forward anti-Christian propaganda in public (applause). When it came to poisoning the minds of callow youth in a place such as Hong Kong, he thought that as a minister he was bound to utter a strong protest. After speaking of the note which he hoped had animated his ministry, and the principles which he had tried to pursue, Mr. Macdonachie said it was no easy matter for his wife and himself to say good-bye: it nearly broke his heart to see their pretty Church for the last time.

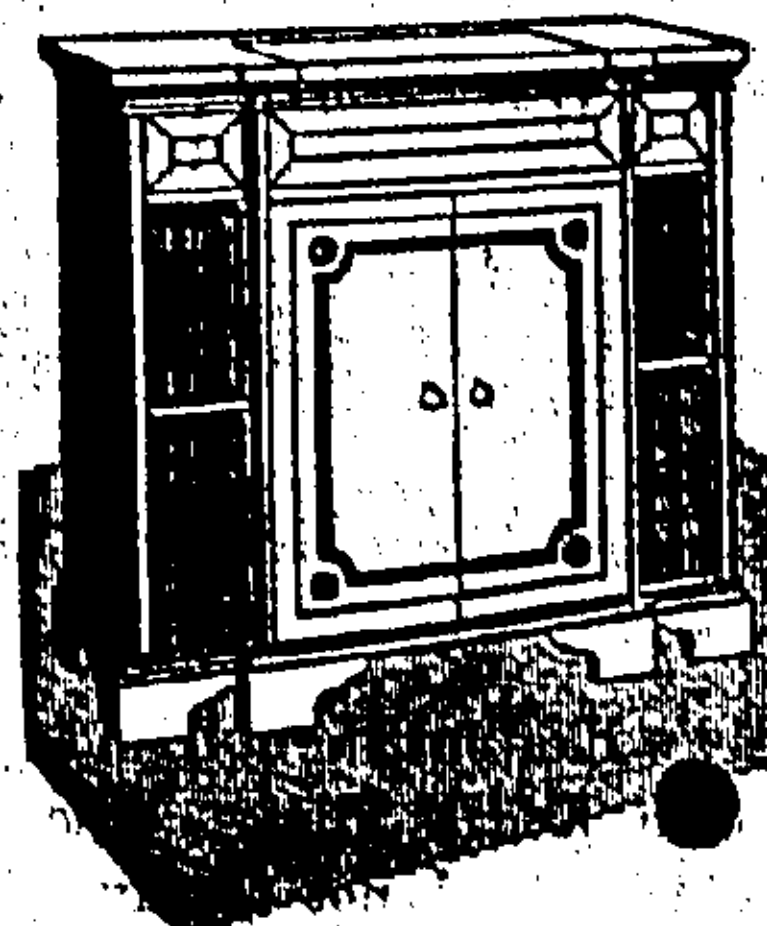
It looked very pretty in the lamplight: some of them never saw the Church at night: they seemed to think that God could not be worshipped after twelve o'clock!

The Bishop's Brotherliness—And A Word Of Advice.

In thanking the Bishop for his presence, Mr. Macdonachie said how greatly he appreciated the Bishop's brotherliness, kindness and Christian spirit. He was glad to believe and to know that in this Colony they were not without a share of that enlargement of heart and mind which would enable them to stand together more closely in opposition to paganising forces. Unfortunately a great many nominally Christian folk were half pagan, or little more, in their hearts and lives. Mr. Macdonachie reminded the Bishop that, to an invitation to preach in Union Church, he had responded "The time is not yet ripe." To this Mr. Macdonachie's reply at the time was "The time will never be ripe until you actually do it." That was still his opinion.

After a reference to his wife and to the fact that they came to the Colony a family of three and would leave as a family of two, Mr. Macdonachie concluded by commending his people to God. "If they did not meet again in these mortal scenes, he believed from the bottom of his heart they would be joined together with those who had passed through here in the faith and fear of God and had entered a higher sphere of life, experience and service."

The meeting concluded with the singing of a hymn, and Mr. Macdonachie then pronounced the Benediction for the last time in Hong Kong.



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HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

FIRST LECTURE OF THE SEASON.

The first lecture of the Season was given last evening in the Amphitheatre of the School of Anatomy by Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S. (London), on the subject, "Acute Inflammations of the Anterior Segment of the Eyeball," the Chair being occupied by Professor K. H. Digby, F.R.C.S. (England).

The Lecturer gave two reasons for the choice of the subject: (1) because the diseases in the question were of very common occurrence, and frequently met with in the course of routine medical practice; (2) also, because in the investigation of these diseases, no elaborate examination requiring the expert use of instruments is required.

Dr. de Castro Basto then went on to describe the various acute inflammations and their diagnosis. Stress was laid on the importance of differentiating acute glaucoma from acute iritis, the two diseases being very similar, and yet their treatment was shown to be absolutely opposite.

Many interesting points in ophthalmological practice were dealt with, and the discussion which followed by many members of the Medical profession in Hong Kong, brought out some very important points in the practice of this special branch of medicine.

THE GRAND TATTOO.

MOTOR PARADE.

All vehicles are to assemble at the entrance of Lee Gardens, on the Caroline Hill side, at 8 p.m. on Friday, the 5th instant.

Drivers should be instructed carefully and promptly to carry out instructions conveyed to them from time to time by officials of the Automobile Association.

The space between each car will be ten yards and drivers must keep station.

The pilot car will set the pace and all cars must keep in line and take corners as instructed; taking care to keep off all parts of the Arena which are preserved.

The grounds of Lee Gardens will be available all day on Friday to complete decorations.

The parade actually starts on to the Arena at 10 p.m. but as the cars must be got into line and final adjustments made some time before, it is absolutely necessary to arrive not later than 8 p.m.

Ladies participating should arrange to join their respective cars at Lee Gardens' entrance not later than 8.30 p.m.

GERMANY TO
CANTON.PREPARATIONS TO WEL-
COME GERMAN FLYER.BARON VON HUENEFELD DE-
LAYED BY BAD WEATHER.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, October 3rd.

Baron von Huenefeld, the famous German flyer, who was expected in Canton yesterday afternoon, did not arrive after all. Latest reports to hand state that the German aviator was delayed by bad weather. However, he expected to arrive sometime to-day, accompanied by his Swedish engineer, Mr. Lindner. The Canton Aviation Department at Tai Sha Tau has arranged an elaborate programme to welcome the foreign visitor. A large *palais* has been erected in front of the Canton Aviation School with the word "Welcome" written in huge Chinese characters. German and the Chinese national flags are hanging side by side on the front of this temporary edifice, a symbol of welcome. Mr. Chang Wui Man, head of the Aviation Department, has arranged for the Canton Aerodrome to be the landing place for the German aviator. Mr. Chang has further ordered aeroplanes Nos. 112, 114 and 115 to fly over Canton and vicinity to welcome the Baron when he arrives.

The German residents in Canton are also making big preparations to welcome their compatriot and are to give a reception to the aviator at the Siemens & Co., a large German firm in Canton.

The students of the Canton Aviation School will parade at the Aerodrome to greet the German flyer as he descends and a heavy guard will be placed at the entrance of Tai Sha Tau to insure that nothing happens to the distinguished visitor.

CANTON'S MUNITION
FACTORY.TO BECOME GEOLOGICAL
LABORATORY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Oct. 3rd.

Among other things decided at Tuesday's meeting of the Canton Political Council was to turn the Second Experimental Munition Factory on White Cloud Road in the north-eastern suburb of Canton into the Leung Kwong Geological Investigation Headquarters. It will be recalled that there was a serious explosion at the factory sometime ago many of the buildings being badly damaged.

The Council also decided to grant \$8,000 to the Preparatory Committee for the celebration of the "Double Tenth" next Wednesday in compliance to the latter's request.

EX-FINANCE MINISTER
LEAVES CANTON.HOW HE OPPOSED
EXTREMISTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Oct. 3rd.

Mr. Koo Ying Fan, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, and former finance commissioner of Kwangtung, left Canton for Nanking yesterday morning by the s.s. *Kinsan*. Accompanying Mr. Koo were his wife, Messrs. Li Fan, Ma Siang and others.

The Koo party was expected to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on board the s.s. *Empress of Canada*. From Shanghai Mr. Koo will proceed to Nanking, where important business is awaiting him.

During his short sojourn in Canton Mr. Koo was lavishly entertained by the various Government departments and he made several speeches explaining why he had to leave Canton a year or so ago. He recalled that when the Communist influence was at its height in Canton he opposed the "Left Wing Element" but finally he had to leave. He criticised several extremist members of the Nationalist Party and said that they were directly responsible for the Communist holocaust of December 11th.

STAGNANT CHINA.

FAR BEHIND THOUGH
FORMERLY IN ADVANCE.NO PROGRESS FOR MANY
CENTURIES.

[BY C. L. C.]

History does not show us very clearly how mental development among the Chinese stopped suddenly after the glorious beginnings of the Empire's civilization. China has just been stagnant. While Japan, her neighbour, equally isolated from the West till fifty years ago has risen to be one of the Great Powers of the world China has made no progress for many centuries.

A close study of Chinese history shows us that the Chinese of old were industrious, patient, enterprising and full of initiative. The greater portion of the Chinese have always pursued agriculture, but the implements of husbandry have remained imperfect. Besides farming they have engaged in fishing and hunting, rearing, silkworms, trade and commerce. Less attention, however, was paid to arts and sciences.

History records no progress among the Chinese over many centuries. They have been found to be familiar in rudimentary form with many things the modern use of which they were obliged to learn from Europeans. Flavio Gioja, invented his compass about four thousand years later than the Chinese and as early as 2,600 B.C., the Yellow Emperor had a carriage on the top of which was a figure which always pointed towards the south whatever might be the direction of the vehicle. China, however, had no Lord Kelvin to make the compass the reliable instrument it is to-day, and thousands of years later, the Chinese were still creeping along the sea coasts in their clumsy junk until Europeans showed them how to find their way in the open sea by means of the magnetic needle. We also find that the art of printing was practised by the Chinese about 500 years before it was known to Europe. They printed, like the first European wood cutters, by means of immovable blocks on which the characters were cut. They did not get any further and type-casting was brought to them by the Europeans. It is not surprising to relate that the ancient method of printing is still in vogue in the inland provinces of China to this day.

The Origins Of Silk.

Two of the Chinese oldest industries, and in which the Chinese excelled, are now being gradually captured by the Japanese. I refer to silk and porcelain. Silkworm rearing is a very ancient occupation, dating as far back as the time of the Emperor Hoang Ti. According to the oldest Chinese authors, Hoang Ti began his rule after the country had just been made habitable, and men were still dressed in skins. The population increased and skins became scarce, and the use of silk clothing was invented by a consort of the Emperor.

This chronicle from a time whose records are richer in fact than fact contains, however, one unquestionable truth, namely that the production of silk originated in China. Until recent years, the lustre, fineness and softness of Chinese silks had no equal, but to-day Japan is capturing the trade by leaps and bounds. The Japanese have also brought this industry to a standard equalled by the Chinese, and the danger is only too obvious that in another few years, the Japanese will overtake the country which "invented" silk.

In the porcelain industry the Chinese long ago arrived at a perfection perhaps never attained by Europeans and Japanese. To-day, however, Japanese and the Europeans excel the present day workmen of China in this ancient branch of art.

Two Legends.

This gives rise to the perpetual query, why has the Chinese mental development stopped? An ancient writing explains it in this way: "In a large mountain range in the interior of Asia, there lived once upon a time a model people very rich in experience and knowledge. (Continued on next Volume.)"

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE CONTRIBUTION
TO THE UNIVERSITY.[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Concerning the annual contribution of \$1,000 from the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to the Hong Kong University, permit me to remove an erroneous impression which your report might create in respect to my views on the subject.

You are quite right to say that I was the only dissenter, but you have omitted to add in your account of the Chamber's meeting held on the 2nd instant my grounds for the dissent. In effect, I said that since the Chamber had not the funds available at the moment, it was not absolutely essential to continue the donation this year. After all, in consequence of this small sum, it would not make or unmake the University. Then, also, while the Chamber had to strain itself to continue the support of a higher seat of learning, it should also be thinking of contributing towards the maintenance of some of the middle and the lower schools in Hong Kong, which stand in great need of funds to-day.—Yours truly,

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Hong Kong, Oct. 3rd, 1928.

THE TATTOO.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—May I take this opportunity of urgently requesting all who are attending the Grand Tattoo to note that the performance, each evening, will commence at 8:30 sharp.

Much inconvenience will be caused if seatholders arrive after the opening time. Every item of the performance will be worth seeing and should not be missed. The ground, excepting the Arena, will, at times, be in darkness so that it will be difficult for the Stewards to conduct the seatholders to their places should they arrive late.

We confidently expect the co-operation of all spectators and performers alike, in making this Tattoo an event worthy of the Colony.—Yours truly,

J. H. HUNT.

Hon. General Secretary.
October 2nd, 1928.

When this nation could acquire no more new learning between their own mountains, they left the country and wandered forth north, south, east and west. The oldest and wisest who stood together by natural predilection, did not intend to go far, and found rest in China. The aborigines approached them in troops, in order to acquire knowledge from them. The wise men instructed all comers, and dispensed their knowledge of the sciences and arts with full hands until they had no more to teach. The natives then departed, and for the patriarchs nothing remained but to lie down and die. But as there were no descendants of these wise men, no one was capable of making any advance in the cultivation of the sciences and arts, and thus nothing new was added to the stock of knowledge brought by the wise old men."

Another ancient Chinese Chronicle gives a second reason for their stagnation. According to the chronicles, China was at first, and for a period of unmeasurable years, ruled by gods called Tien Hoang Shi. These god regents were able to instruct their subjects in many different arts, and the dynasty which had ruled for millions of years became obnoxious to the people. The nation suddenly resolved to depose the eternal sovereigns, who out of revenge took with them all finished and unfinished projects of reform, so that the Chinese were compelled to remain exactly where they were.

China has during the last century or so assimilated much Western culture. Thousands of her sons have been to Europe and America for education and yet nothing positive has been accomplished. No Chinese has invented anything or in any way advanced modern science. China appears dazed by an age-long sleep and has not yet shown the vitality to awaken.

DIMMING OF HEAD-
LIGHTS.QUESTION RAISED AT
INQUEST.POKFULAM ROAD FATALITY
ON WET NIGHT.DRIVER WHO HAD NO
SCREEN WIPER.

The death of a Dairy Farm cow-cowee was investigated at an inquest held at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. R. E. Lindsell sat as Coroner and was assisted by a jury with Mr. H. G. Stewart as foreman.

The deceased died as a result of injuries received by being knocked down by an Aberdeen motor-bus on the Pokfulam Road, near the Hong Kong University, at about 7:30 p.m. on September 25th.

Chan Tong, a Chinese cow-cowee employed by the Dairy Farm Company at Pokfulam, said that he was walking towards the City with the deceased on the night in question. It was raining heavily and the deceased shared the umbrella which he was carrying. They were walking on the left side of the road and the deceased was on his right. As they were approaching the Pump Station just before the University he received a sudden knock which knocked him down in the side channel. When he was picked up he found several people beside him and he was helped into the bus where he saw his colleague lying unconscious.

Witness said that he was not certain as to what actually knocked him down but he thought deceased was thrown heavily against him. He did not notice any car in front of them nor did he hear or see the lights of a car coming up from behind. Witness, however, added that it was raining hard at the time and that he was slightly deaf. The deceased died before they reached the Hospital.

Four Ribs Broken.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, Government Medical Officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said that he held a post mortem on the deceased. The cause of death was laceration of the liver and right lung, and internal hemorrhage. The deceased was in good health. The post mortem also revealed that four ribs had been crushed apparently by some heavy pressure. There were bruises on both knees and on the back of the body. This together with the rupture of the liver and lung would suggest that something heavy had passed over the body.

The Driver's Story.

Lau Foo, the driver of the Aberdeen motor-bus No. 304, said that he was returning from Aberdeen on the evening of September 25th, and reached the point of the road in question at about 7:45 p.m. He had just rounded a bend and saw a car with four headlights coming in the opposite direction. He instantly dimmed his own headlights but the driver of the other vehicle did not. As soon as the two vehicles passed he was about to switch the lights on to full again when he felt a bump followed by a feeling of the near wheel of the bus being raised over some object. He was moving at about 8 or 9 m.p.h. at the time and pulled up in a few yards. Getting out he saw the last witness try to rise from the gutter, while a few feet to the rear of the bus he found the deceased lying on the road unconscious. He put both men in his bus and took them to No. 7 Police Station and thence to the Government Civil Hospital.

Not Provided With A Screen Wiper.

Witness said that his vehicle was not provided with a screen wiper; neither were any of the buses of his Company. It was a dark night and the heavy rain formed a thick blanket through which he could not see. Had his bus been supplied with a screen wiper he would have been able to see much better. Even if he had not dimmed his lights, the witness said that he doubted if it would have helped him owing to the other car's dazzling headlights. He had driven a motor-bus on that route for five or six years.

Taught To Dim His Lights.

The witness was asked whether he knew of any Government regulation requiring him to dim his headlights. Witness replied that nothing had been said about it by the Police Officer who tested him for his license, but he had been taught by his instructor always to dim his lights when meeting another car at night.

The Coroner in summing up said that up till 1924 it was compulsory for car drivers to dim their headlights to an approaching car. This very important question had again been raised at this inquest, and there still existed a great deal of doubt in the minds of motorists as to whether the practice should be resumed generally or left at present to the discretion of the driver. The inquest was adjourned until next Wednesday at 2:15 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. F. TSE YAT.

PROMINENT MEMBER OF
BUSINESS COMMUNITY.AN INTERESTING AND
HONOURABLE CAREER.

We regret to announce the death yesterday morning, at his residence, 37, Caine Road, of Mr. Francisco Tse Yat one of the leaders of the Chinese Roman Catholic community and father of Mr. Simon Tse Yan, compradore of the N.Y.K. line. The funeral takes place this afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery the cortage passing the monument at 5 p.m.

Mr. Francisco Tse Yat was born in 1834, at Macao. At the age of fifteen, he started as a clerk in the ship chandlery firm of Wing Kee & Co., of Hong Kong. He did very well and at the age of thirty became general manager of the business.

Mr. Tse Yat took a keen interest in shipping and became an authority on the subject, travelling to all parts of China.

In 1903 Mr. Tse Yat was invited by Mr. F. da Costa, the Governor of Macao, to start a branch of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, in the Colony of Macao. He agreed and, after the branch was established, Mr. Tse Yat was appointed Chinese Agent. This work was extremely difficult because of the keen competition of many other financial institutions.

Mr. Tse Yat was a leading member of the Canton-Macao Railway Syndicate, being one of the negotiators of the Macao Railway Convention in 1904. He was one of the chief promoters of the International Petroleum Co. which owns valuable oil concessions in the Portuguese Island of Timor.

Mr. Tse Yat has also been very liberal towards charitable institutions. He was a member of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee, and rendered valuable assistance as a member of the Typhoon Relief Committee, on the occasion of the great storm that swept over the Colony in 1908.

Mr. Tse Yat was a devout Catholic and President of the Chinese Catholic Union. Like all progressive Chinese, he took an interest in education being patron of the St. Joseph's College Association of Hong Kong and a Director of the Catholic Union and School at Macao. He was very prominent socially, and one of the most popular and respected members of the large Cosmopolitan Community of Hong Kong. An entirely self-made man, he achieved success by attention to duty, loyalty to his employers, and honesty in dealing with all classes.

Mr. Tse Yat had a family of eleven children. Of his four sons, the three surviving ones are successfully engaged in business in Hong Kong. The eldest son Nicholas Tse Yung Kwong held an important post at the Peking-Kalgan Railway for several years, until he was offered a very responsible position by the Hamburg-American Line Go-down and Wharf of Tientsin. In 1917, when the City suffered from a destructive flood, Mr. Tse Yung Kwong figured prominently in the relief work.

Mr. Simon Tse Yan, the second son, is the present compradore of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line of Hong Kong. He is also the Vice-President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Chairman of the St. Joseph's Association and of the Aged and the Poor. He was also a Director of the Tung Wah Hospital and Po Leung Kuk.

Mr. Frank Tse Wing Kwan is a returned student from America, having studied in the Northwestern and the Loyola Universities of Chicago.

Mr. Tse Yat received the Golden Cross of Merit with Crown, from H.M. the late Emperor of Austria. Although a Septuagenarian his robust constitution allowed him to continue his public work until a week ago.

ADVERTISING THE GRAND
TATTOO.DECORATED AND ILLUMINATED
TRAM CAR.

A very well got up tram car made its appearance last night and created a great deal of speculation among the Chinese. It also reminded the Europeans of the celebration of the Armistice.

The tram was illuminated and decorated with bunting and made its way around the town in a most imposing manner the driver and the conductor, both being dressed as classical actors of ancient China. On both sides of the car were the words "The Grand Tattoo" in English and Chinese, and the organising committee had certainly hit upon a most novel way of advertising the event.

A rehearsal held yesterday evening went off very well and as tram loads of troops were conveyed from the ground Wanchai heard what British soldiers can do in the way of a little impromptu singing.

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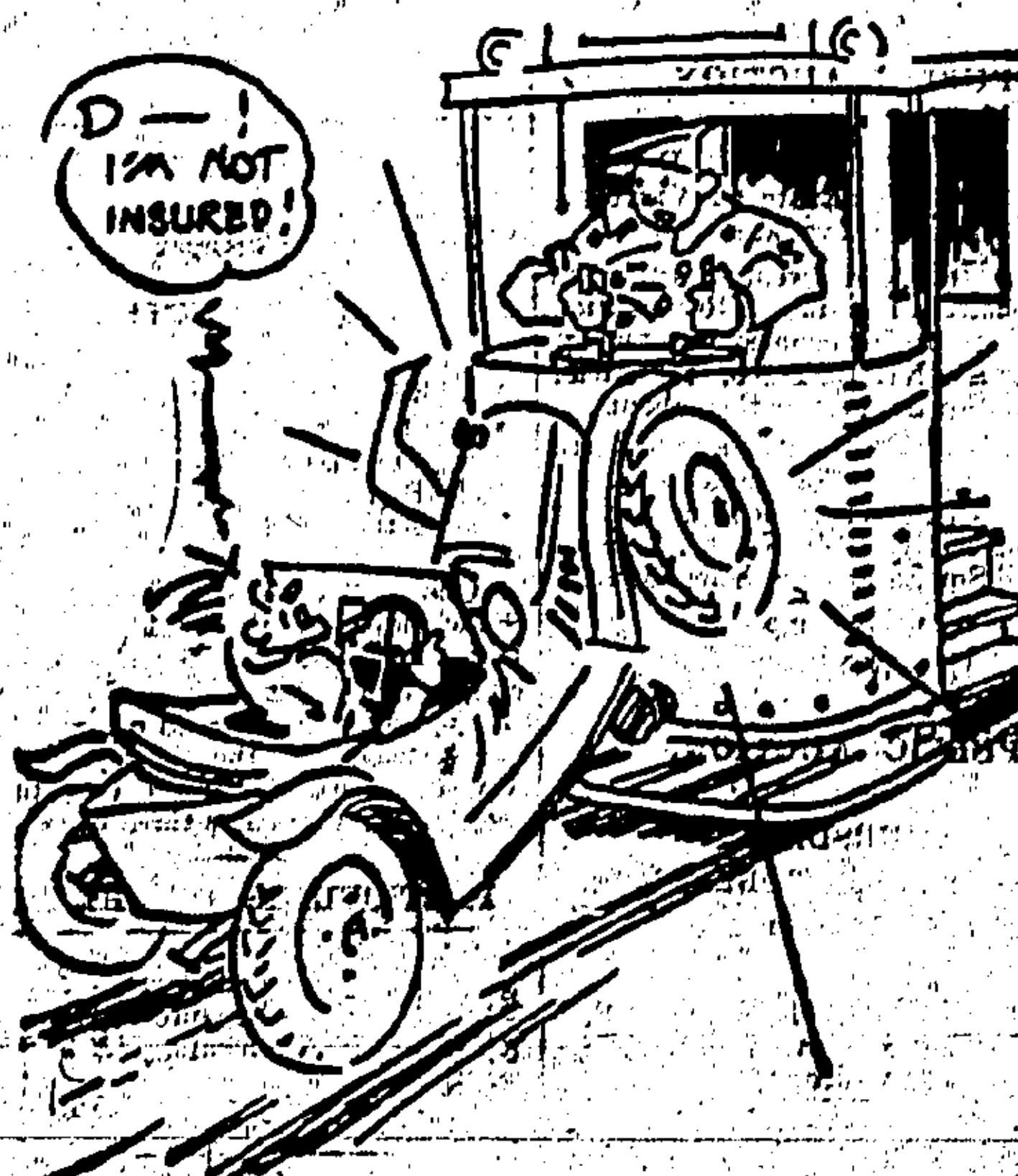
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BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 5th of OCTOBER.
Hong Kong, 4th Oct., 1923. [6801]

CONVITE.

O CONSUL GERAL DE PORTUGAL, provida a Comunidade Portuguesa para a RECEPCAO OFFICIAL que comemorara o ANIVERSARIO DA REPUBLICA PORTUGUESA, se realisa no DIA 5 DE OUTUBRO, das 11.30 ao MEIO DIA e mais hora na SALA LUIZ DE CAMOES do CLUB LUSITANO.
3/10/1923. [6804]

NOTICE.

GRAND TATTOO.

4th, 5th & 6th OCTOBER.

MOTOR TRAFFIC Proceeding to the TATTOO will do so by Way of QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON GAY ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD and LEBURN HILL ROAD to CAROLINE HILL Road and return by the same route. East-bound Motor Vehicles proceeding beyond the CAUSEWAY BAY TERMINUS will do so by Way of PRATA EAST and YEE WO STREET.

There will be One Way Traffic West to East from 7 P.M. to 9.30 P.M. and East to West from 9.30 P.M. to 11.30 P.M. from the Junction of ARSENAL STREET and QUEEN'S ROAD EAST to the Approach of CAROLINE HILL ROAD.

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INTIMATIONS.

REMINDER.

MEETING of FAREWELL to the Rev. J. E. and Mrs. MACONABIE in Union Church, LECTURE HALL, THIS EVENING, Tuesday 5 O'clock. Meeting: 5.30. [6780]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. 92 for Twenty Shares, 24 for Share Paid Up, Numbered 113130/113149 in this Society standing in the Name of CHO YIK TONG, and if at the expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the Said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and A NEW CERTIFICATE for the said Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hong Kong, 14th Sept., 1923. [6776]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 9th DAY of OCTOBER, 1923, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Land, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.			
1	New Kowloon Lot 1107.	Adjoining New Kowloon Lot 1108, 1134, Shamshuipo.	n. s. e. w.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	8	8	As per sale plan.	6	1,428
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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary	Contents in	Annual	
			Measurements.			
			N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.		
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2143.	Junction of Prince Edward Road and Nathan Road.		As per sale plan	30,550	33

PROSPECT OF MORE FIGHTING IN THE NORTH.

FENG YU HSIANG'S MYSTERIOUS VISIT TO NANKING.

THE SHANGHAI POSTAL STRIKE.

CHINA'S NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

Fighting in the North is apparently not yet over. General Fang Chen Wu, who incidentally was the leader directly responsible for the Tainan incident, has been ordered to lead the 4th Army Corps to Jehol and to prepare for a campaign against the Northern governor, Tang Lu Lin.

The Chinese Navy has just started manoeuvres lasting for eight days under the eye of the British-trained Admiral Chen Shao Kwan. The exercises are planned on an extensive scale. The Admiral in the course of a speech emphasised the need of efficiency in the navy and revealed that the Nationalist Government had in mind the establishment of a big naval base and a modern naval academy at Nimrod Sound.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is shortly coming to Nanking, and the news has given rise to much speculation, as the object of his visit is not known. In some quarters it is thought that he has important proposals to lay before the Government, while it is also rumoured that he intends to take up a post in the Government.

The Shanghai postal strike is unqualifiedly condemned in some quarters, but it nevertheless threatens to assume very serious proportions. The strikers are attempting to bring out other workers in sympathy, and there are signs that they are meeting with some success. The tramway workers and Customs employees are watching the situation closely, while the Peking labour unions have pledged their support and have stated their willingness if necessary to organise a strike in sympathy with the postal workers.

ATTACK ON NORTHERNERS. FENG'S VISIT TO NANKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. The *Kuo Min* states that Fang Chen Wu has been instructed to prepare to advance to Jehol with the Fourth Army Corps, which is at present at Kupehkw, Wei-yao, and Miyun, to carry out a campaign against Tang Yu Lin.

RECOGNITION OF MERIT.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has issued a circular order to all provincial authorities that reasonable allowances shall be given to retired military officers and soldiers who have done meritorious work in the past revolution and the Northern expedition.

FLAG QUESTION.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. The reported decision of the Fengtienese authorities to fly the Nationalist flag on the anniversary day of the Chinese Republic is not likely to be realised. According to the opinion of some high Fengtienese officials, the intention of General Chang Hsueh Liang will be frustrated by the senior officials in Manchuria and by fear of diplomatic difficulties.

U.S. MARINES WITHDRAWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. 704 American marines (627 from Tientsin and 87 from Shanghai) have left for San Diego aboard the *Hendefun*.

CHINA'S NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. Reuter's correspondent aboard the flagship *Chuyu* off Nanking sends a most interesting account of the opening on Monday of the eight-day naval manoeuvres by the Second Squadron of the Chinese Navy under the British-trained Admiral Chen Shao Kwan. The fleet is undergoing a rigorous inspection and is also carrying out target practice, battle formation, landing and anti-aircraft and anti-submarine defence.

After the salute of Sun Yat Sen's portrait and the reading of his will, the Admiral thoroughly inspected each ship, after which physical drill, fire drill and collision drill was carried out. The ships then cleared for action and carried out a mock battle, including anti-aircraft defence.

Afterwards Admiral Chen Shao Kwan made a speech pointing out the necessity of building up a strong and efficient navy for China, adding that the Nationalist Government was planning to make Shanghai, Nimrod Sound, China's largest naval base and establish a modern naval academy there.

ZEPPELIN OVER ENGLAND.

ENTHUSIASM IN BERLIN.

BOUQUETS FOR HINDENBURG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 2nd. For the first time since the War a Zeppelin flew over England this evening, when the new German airship, *Graf Zeppelin*, making a 36-hour flight from Friedrichshafen with seventy persons on board, flew over Lowestoft, and proceeded in a north-westerly direction.

The Zeppelin manoeuvred over the North Sea after reaching England. She passed Borkum at midnight and cruised over Bremen, Schleswig and Hamburg and appeared over Berlin at 9 o'clock in the morning. The Zeppelin was cheered by thousands in the streets and from the roofs, and squadrons of aeroplanes escorted her from Staaken. She circled the city several times, and flew low over Hindenburg's palace where she dropped a bouquet. She then headed eastwards.

WORLD'S CHAMPION MARRIED.

TUNNEY'S MILLIONAIRE BRIDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Oct. 3rd. Gene Tunney has married Miss Josephine Lauder, the American \$30,000,000 heiress and great niece to Andrew Carnegie.

HUGE FINANCIAL FIGURES.

FRENCH DEBT AND SINKING FUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Oct. 3rd. M. Chappedolain, the Chamber financial reporter, has said that the French capital debt diminished by 15,000,000,000 francs between December 31st, 1925, and June 30th, 1928. In 1929 more than 8,000,000,000 francs will be devoted to Sinking Fund.

PARTIAL SERVICE OF POSTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. While the leading Post Office officials retain their optimism and express the opinion that the strike of the postmen and low grade clerks will be of short duration, this view is not shared by those in close touch with the strikers.

A mass meeting of the strikers was held in the Chinese city this afternoon when it was decided that other Unions should be requested to support their claims.

It is learned that the Chinese employees of the Sino-French Tramway Companies have been asked to join the strike, and it is also asserted that the Customs employees are watching the situation and its outcome very closely.

It is however stated that the postal authorities have five hundred men ready to replace the strikers in the event of a continuance of the dispute.

Strike Condemned.

The Shanghai Postal Employees' Association has issued a manifesto condemning the strike, which was carried out by the Shanghai Postal Labour Union.

The situation is quiet. Three hundred employees, chiefly seniors, were working this morning, and letters were delivered across the counter. The Money Order and Parcel Departments are closed.

It is stated that the strikers' positions are being filled up by new employees.

SUPPORT FROM PEKING.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Oct. 3rd. The leading labour unions at Peking have sent a joint wire to the Shanghai postal strikers pledging their support and declaring that if necessary they will join them in the strike.

STRIKE "A MAD DOG" HIGH TIDES ON THE THAMES.

STRONG OPPOSITION.

BIG WOOL HOLD-UP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Oct. 3rd. The most hopeful development of the strike position is that the committee of the Maritime Transport Union, when considering the motion for a general hold-up, has reported against any extension of the strike for the present. Opposition members of Parliament are urging a resumption of work in order to fight the new Transport Workers Act through the ballot box, while the leader of the powerful Australian Workers' Union describes the general strike as a "mad dog" policy.

The shipowners have decided to tie up interstate vessels, and a million pounds worth of wool is held up at Port Adelaide, while all the big stores are crammed.

Fighting The Licences.

MELBOURNE, Oct. 2nd.

A Conference of the Maritime and Transport Unions, called by the Australian Trades Union Congress, defeated by a large majority an amendment that the Waterside Workers be ordered to take out licences in accordance with the new Act, to resume work and then to fight the new Transport Workers' Act in the High Court.

A motion for the extension of the strike was referred to a sub-committee.

The decisions of this committee may involve an instruction to the Waterside Workers not to apply for licences and the formation of Councils of Action for the organisation of strong picketing squads in each State.

DANISH BANK TO RE-OPEN.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

MONEY FROM PRIVATE SOURCES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 2nd. The Privatbank, which closed its doors last week following an abortive conference between the Government and the bank representatives which lasted through the whole of one night, is re-opening to-morrow.

An investigation of the Bank's books revealed that the Bank is solvent with 12,000,000 kroner share capital left, and it has been decided that the old capital of 60,000,000 kroner be reduced to 12,000,000.

It is also announced that a further sum of 28,000,000 kroner will be subscribed to the bank's capital without State assistance, while a number of foreign banks have subscribed 15,000,000 kroner for additional security.

One result of the disagreement in the negotiations between the bank and the Government over the bank's affairs, is the announcement to-day that the Minister of Commerce has tendered his resignation. The Minister's decision is officially stated to be due to differences with his colleagues connected with the Privatbank trouble.

RAW SUGAR FUTURES.

TARDING IN MINING LANE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 3rd. Tarding of raw sugar futures has restarted in Mining Lane for the first time since the war.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

A FURTHER INCREASE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Oct. 2nd. The number of unemployed again shows an increase.

On September 24th, the total number was 1,209,200, which was 1,541 more than the week before and 245,083 more than the year before.

NEGLECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLOODS.

EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Oct. 2nd. The River Thames to-day was due to have its highest spring tide level for the year, and officials of the Port of London and of the Westminster City Council have been keeping a close watch, in case of a repetition of the floods where by fourteen people were drowned in London last January.

It is stated officially, however, that to-day's tide was three feet below that of January, and that no floods are feared.

Apart from the fact that the parapet at Millbank, where the water broke through in January, has been heightened and strengthened, the combination of conditions which caused the disaster of January shows no signs of recurring.

In January, there had been weeks of rain, and the river was in flood far above any previous record. The wind, after being south-west and piling the sea up in the Channel, suddenly turned to north-east and drove it into the Thames Estuary.

To-day, however, the water coming down the Thames is below the average, owing to the dry summer. The wind also is westerly and blowing the sea water down, and not up, the Estuary.

PRESS INTEREST IN WAR DEBTS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S VIEW.

QUESTION CLOSED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2nd. President Coolidge gave an interview to journalists this morning, who questioned him in regard to the recent suggestion by M. Poincare that the Allied evacuation of the Rhineland and the final settlement of the reparations problem, matters which were discussed at considerable length at Geneva recently, should be connected with the War Debt payments to the United States.

M. Poincare said that this would tend to make the American taxpayers liquidate German reparations.

President Coolidge said he regarded the question of War Debts to America, all of which were virtually settled, as closed.

ONE FATALITY IN FOUR. MOTOR-CARS' BIG TOLL OF PEDESTRIANS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Oct. 2nd. The National Safety Congress has stated that one out of every four accidental deaths in the United States is caused by motor-cars, and further that 65 per cent. of motor-car fatalities concern pedestrians who have been run down in the streets.

The question has now been raised whether the present safeguards for the public on highways have not been swamped by the recent tremendous increase in the number of motor-car users.

LORD ALLENBY IN NEW YORK.

SALUTE OF SEVENTEEN GUNS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Oct. 2nd. Lord and Lady Allenby arrived in New York to-day, being greeted by a salute of seventeen guns.

They were welcomed by many prominent Americans and British residents in the United States. During their stay, they will be the guests of Mr. Richard Crane, the former American Minister to China.

WORKERS STRIKE AT ANTWERP.

WOMEN CARRY ON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANTWERP, Oct. 2nd. The male workers at all the oil depots and stores in Antwerp went on strike to-day.

Only women employees are now working.

BRITAIN'S WAITING POLICY.

MALARIA EXPERT'S COMPLAINT.

SIR RONALD ROSS'S ARCHIVES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 2nd. Much surprise has been created by the appearance of an advertisement offering for sale the Archives of Sir Ronald Ross connected with his malaria researches and mosquitoes.

Sir Ronald Ross, explaining why he is so advertising, said that there is no financial necessity, but he simply desired to realise them for the benefit of his children.

The collection was not at the Ross Institute because it was unsuitable for the Institute. Sir Ronald said that the minimum price he would accept for the collection was £2,000.

The famous malaria expert declared that the British Government had never paid him a penny in recognition of his historic discovery in 1897 that the anopheles mosquito was the malaria carrier, but it was true that they had subscribed most handsomely for the Institute founded as a Memorial to himself.

Sir Ronald Ross recalled that Professor Jenner was awarded £30,000 for the discovery of vaccination.

Dealing briefly with the malarial problem, Sir Ronald said that his belief was unabated that the only way to combat malaria was to exterminate mosquitoes.

He mentioned that from now on, he would be assisted at the Institute by Sir Malcolm Watson, the well-known F.M.S. malarial expert.

OIL DISPUTE WITH SOVIET.

CONFISCATION OF BRITISH PROPERTIES.

REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE LIABILITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 2nd. It is announced that the negotiations which have been proceeding for some time past between the Soviet Government, Soviet oil interests, and a big combine composed of the Shell group, the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, and the Anglo-American Oil Company have broken down.

The negotiations aimed at the conclusion of an agreement by which the combine offered the Soviet oil interest an opportunity of selling a million tons of oil and oil products in the English market.

The proposal of the British combine was that they should purchase the oil from the Soviet and be responsible for its distribution. The combine, however, demanded as the first essential to an agreement, that a discount of five per cent. on the purchase price be given as compensation in respect of the British oil properties confiscated by the Soviet.

The breakdown occurred on this point, the Soviet Government refusing to grant the discount on the ground that it admitted liability to the dispossessed proprietors.

BRITISH STEEL EXPORTS.

CO-OPERATIVE SELLING SCHEME.

CREDIT FOR DOMINIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Oct. 2nd. A number of the largest British steelmasters are organising a co-operative export scheme, from which big results are expected, according to the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Journal, which says the scheme is based mainly on national or British Empire lines, clear of entangling international cartel alliances.

The main object is to give credit facilities, particularly in the Dominions, where there is big foreign rivalry. Valuable work, it is stated, has been formed to link up passenger and mail air lines North, Central and South America. The company will have a capital of \$3,000,000.

HEAVY WEATHER IN THE ATLANTIC.

"MAURETANIA" ON TIME.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Oct. 2nd. Many ships that arrived at Plymouth during the week-end were many hours late owing to stormy weather in the Atlantic.

The Cunard liner *Mauretania*, which arrived this morning, was, however, within an hour of her scheduled time, having maintained an average speed of just under 25 knots.

FRANCE IMPATIENT.

PUBLICATION OF NAVAL COMPROMISE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Oct. 2nd.

According to semi-official statement issued to-day, M. Briand, the French Foreign Secretary, has given his colleagues in the French Cabinet a full account of the conversation between London and Paris resulting in the Anglo-French naval compromise, with a view to publication of the full terms of the agreement.

The statement, however, says that the British Government has been approached in this matter, and that Britain still objects to publication.

British Reticence.

It states that the question was deliberated upon by the British Cabinet yesterday, and that after a long discussion, the view was held that the terms could not be issued for publication until the Italian and Japanese Governments, which hitherto have only replied provisionally, sympathising with the proposals, have made known their definitive viewpoints.

M. Briand, in full agreement with the French Cabinet, will again urge the British Government to speed up publication, which is deemed necessary in order to dispel all misunderstandings with Washington.

The French Ambassador in London has been instructed to make representations to the British Foreign Office to this end.

As far as the United States Note is concerned, M. Briand will probably confine himself to acknowledging its receipt, and leaving it to the American, British, French, Italian and Japanese experts, who form the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, to resume the discussion when the proper time comes.

GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE.

DEMOCRATS' NOMINATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Oct. 2nd. At a large meeting held at Rochester to-day, the Democrats nominated Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, the well-known lawyer, for the Governorship of New York State.

SECOND GOLD SHIPMENT FROM LONDON.

STERLING'S LOW RECORD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Oct. 2nd. It is learned that another consignment of gold, valued at \$2,500,000, purchased in England, is being shipped to the United States on board the liner *Olympic*. This is the second shipment of gold from Great Britain this year, and follows the recent new low sterling exchange rate.

High imports of gold are looked for in Wall Street in the hope that this will ease the credit stringency, which has resulted in the highest money rate for the past seven years.

THROUGH AMERICA BY AIR.

CONTINENTAL SERVICE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Oct. 2nd. "The Aviation Corporation of the Americas" has been formed to link up passenger and mail air lines North, Central and South America. The company will have a capital of \$3,000,000.

OBITUARY.

LORD STRATHCLYDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 2nd. The death is announced of Lord Strathclyde, who, as the Right Hon. Mr. Alexander Ure, was Lord Advocate of Scotland until 1912.

[The late Lord Strathclyde was made Baron in 1914. He was born at Glasgow in 1853, being the second son of the late Mr. John Ure, a former Lord Provost. He was educated at the Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities and called to the Bar in 1878, when he became Lecturer on Constitutional Law and History at Glasgow University.]

From 1905 to 1909, he was Solicitor General for Scotland, later becoming Lord Advocate. He sat as Liberal M.P. for Linlithgowshire from 1895 to 1913, and in the latter year he was appointed Lord President of the Court of Session and Lord Chief Justice of Scotland, which positions he held until 1920.]

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

FRENCHMAN AND ARMS CHARGE.

"AN ORDINARY CASE."

Among a number of cases which came for hearing before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday was the one, remanded from the previous day in which a French subject named Grizani Pascal was charged with possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition without a permit.

The defendant having pleaded guilty, Sub-Inspector Elston said it was an ordinary case and the police would be satisfied if his Worship imposed a fine. There had been no attempt to conceal the weapon in any way. Defendant was passing through the Colony on his way from Marseilles to Haiphong. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

BANISHEE CAUGHT ON TRAM.

Another returned banishee who was described by the police as a "rogue and vagabond" received a sentence of twelve months' hard labour and 25 strokes of the birch. The man was caught on a tramcar. One of the charges against him was possession of a razor blade which could be used to cut people's pockets.

A second man who was in the company of the defendant was also convicted, but sentence was deferred owing to there being another charge against him of harbouring a young girl whose parents have been sent for from the country.

HAWKER ACCUSES HIS FOKI.

When a hawker was charged at the instance of the Captain Superintendent of Police (the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.) with uttering cries in Wellington Street, he pleaded not guilty on the ground that his foki was the offender.

The O.S.P. agreed that it was the foki who did the shouting. He said that while walking down Wellington Street he saw them carrying two baskets of fish and asked the man not to shout. This was apparently resented and further down the road the man shouted again and then disappeared up a side lane.

On the defendant undertaking to produce his foki, he was fined \$3.

THEFT AT THE L.R.C.

Two Chinese appeared on a charge of stealing vegetables from the garden at the Ladies' Recreation Club, the exhibits being two baskets full of ginger root, onions and lettuce.

Both defendants pleaded guilty. One of them, a banishee who had completed his term, was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour without the option of a fine. The other was given the choice between a fine of \$10 or fourteen days.

STOWAWAY STORIES.

Five Chinese were brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy for stowing away on board the s.s. *Cerberus* from Singapore.

Three of the men admitted the charge. Another stated that he lost his ticket and reported the loss to the commodore. The fifth man said that he was deported by the authorities in Singapore. He had, however, already told the police, that he was given his ticket and \$10 as travelling money by the authorities.

All the defendants were fined \$25, with the option of three weeks' hard labour.

PIGS IN TEMPLE STREET.

Sanitary Inspector Sinton pressed for a severe penalty when charging a Chinese for keeping over 50 pigs at No. 71, Temple Street, without a permit. Witness said that he had warned the defendant on several occasions and the temporary business had been carried on for a long time.

The defendant said that the pigs were kept there temporarily and would have been transported to Hong Kong the following day. The maximum fine of \$50 was imposed.

THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD ROBBERY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, one man and three girls were again before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of having robbed an old woman, described as a fortune teller, of \$88 on Castle Peak Road. The hearing was occupied by speeches for the defendants. Mr. Leo d'Almeida appeared for one of the girls in question and convinced the Magistrate that there was very little evidence against his client. She was dismissed and witnesses are to be called on behalf of the other two girls.

The case was remanded till tomorrow. (Continued on next column).

ANTI-CRUELTY CAMPAIGN.

GOOD WORK OF THE S.P.C.A.

LADY MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES.

MUCH SUFFERING ALLEVIATED.

Only a few days ago mention was made in the *Daily Press* of the good work being done by our local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and from a batch of cases heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, it is apparent that the Society is carrying on a strenuous anti-cruelty campaign against thoughtless coolies who inflict suffering needlessly on the animals and birds under their care.

Two lady members of the Society, accompanied by Inspector Fowler of the S.P.C.A., and Police Sergeant Fitches, carried out a "raid" on several bird shops in the city on September 24th, and as a result of their activity, several summonses were taken against the members of the shops. Fines ranging from \$10 to \$25 were imposed.

Java Sparrows And Puppies.

The first summons was against the master of a bird shop in Des Voeux Road Central, who was said to have overcrowded a flock of Java sparrows housed in 18 cages, and also with being cruel to four puppies by keeping them in a faulty cage and without water.

The birds were stated to be so overcrowded that they were forced to perch on each other's back. A number of them died as a result of close confinement. As for the puppies it was said that the cage was constructed in such a way that the animals could not stand up. The bars at the bottom were so wide apart that the dogs' feet were protruding through the spaces. They also appeared to have been deprived of water for a considerable period of time.

Defendant's excuse was that the birds, being Java sparrows, were timorous and would crowd round each other at the approach of a stranger.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, for the Society, said that the shop had been warned on several occasions and he asked his Worship to take a serious view of the offence. Mr. Lindsell fined defendant \$20 on each of the summonses.

Similar Complaints.

Similar complaints were lodged against another master of a bird shop at Hing Loong Street.

There were caged dogs which had been without water and a cageful of birds which had been overcrowded to such an extent that several head ones were found. Defendant was fined \$25 for overcrowding the birds and \$10 for keeping the dogs without water.

To Give Them A Bath.

Ten cages of birds were also found in an overcrowded condition in a bird shop at Cochrane Street. When the birds were taken out several dead ones were found.

The master pleaded that he kept all the birds in the cage so as to give them all a bath by pouring water over them from the top of the cage. Mr. Lindsell said that that was a novel way of bathing the birds and he should think that would probably kill them all. Defendant had to pay \$25.

"Never Drink Water."

A visit paid to a poultry stall in Central Market resulted in the stall-holder being summoned for not giving water to some doves kept in a crate.

Defendant said that the birds were called *pin kau*, a species of dove, and unlike pigeons, they did not drink water. All the liquid they wanted was mixed with the food.

The case was adjourned for the truth of this statement to be ascertained.

TRICKSTER PUNISHED.

A Chinese who tried a mean little trick on a shop woman was sent to three months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield.

He bought two sample tins of milk and a packet of cigarettes, costing 30 cents in all. He offered a \$10 note and in exchange was given 50 ten-cent pieces wrapped in a roll of white paper and \$4.70 was counted out in ten-cent pieces.

He complained of waiting so long for his money, placed the packet of coins on the counter, demanded his \$10 note and on getting it made off. The woman then found that the supposed packet of coins was a counterfeit and gave the alarm, defendant being speedily arrested.

Besides his sentence of imprisonment defendant had his \$10 note confiscated.

LOCAL ATHLETICS.

PORTUGUESE MEETING ARRANGED.

INTERESTING RECREIO PROGRAMME.

The Club de Recreio, which has been responsible for most of the local sporting and social events organised for the Portuguese community for the past few years, has arranged to hold an athletic meeting next month. The meeting will be held at the Club's ground at King's Park on Sunday, November 11th, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and promises to be a very attractive treat for the members and their friends.

Of late, interest in athletics has waned considerably locally, so that the organisers are to be congratulated on their enterprise, and in view of the fact that it is the first of its kind to be held by the Club, the promoters deserve every support.

The Portuguese have the knack of creating fun in all their games and pastimes, as those who have had the opportunity of attending any of their sports meetings and concerts can testify. The forthcoming meeting will, probably, be no exception, and apart from the rivalry for honours in the various events, it will, no doubt, provide plenty of amusement.

Three Open Championship events for the Portuguese are included in the programme, viz., 100 yards and half-a-mile. The programme consists of a variety of events and will make a wide appeal. Entries close on November 1st.

The list of events follows:—

- 1.—Throwing the cricket ball.
- 2.—Kicking the football.
- 3.—120 yards flat race (handicap).
- 4.—Boys' race, 220 yards (handicap). For boys over 10 years.
- 5.—Putting the shot.
- 6.—100 yards flat race (championship). Open to members of the Portuguese community.
- 7.—Girls' race, 100 yards (handicap). For girls under 10 years.
- 8.—Boys' race, 120 yards (handicap). For boys under 10 years.
- 9.—440 yards flat race (championship). Open to members of the Portuguese community.
- 10.—Sack race, 50 yards.
- 11.—Girls' race, 150 yards (handicap). For girls over 10 years.
- 12.—Veteran race, 100 yards (handicap). For members over 35 years.
- 13.—Rolling the bowls.
- 14.—220 yards flat race (handicap).
- 15.—Three-legged race.
- 16.—Ladies' nomination.
- 17.—Half-a-mile race (championship). Open to members of the Portuguese community.
- 18.—Egg and spoon race, 100 yards.
- 19.—Relay race.
- 20.—One mile race (handicap).
- 21.—Consolation race, 100 yards.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

H.K.C.C. FIXTURES.

The following are the fixtures of the Hong Kong Cricket Club for the current season:—

Date.	Opponent.	Ground.
October 27th	Indian R.C.	Home.
December 1st	Civil Service C.C.	Away.
22nd	Chinese R.C.	Away.
1929.		
January 12th	Craigengower	Home.
February 2nd	University	Home.
16th	Kowloon C.C.	Away.
23rd	Royal Navy	Home.
March 30th	Royal Artillery	Home.
2nd XI.		
October 13th	R.E. and Signals	Home.
December 1st	Civil Service C.C.	Home.
22nd	Kowloon C.C.	Home.
29th	Club de Recreio	Home.
1929.		
January 5th	H.K. Electric Co.	Home.
12th	Craigengower	Away.
19th	B.A.S.C.	Home.
February 2nd	Police R.C.	Away.
9th	Indian R.C.	Away.
16th	University	Home.
23rd	Royal Navy	Away.

HOME FOOTBALL.

[THROUGH BRUIER'S AGENCY.]

Nelson, playing at home, lost to Doncaster by two goals to four in Third Division, Northern Section match on Tuesday.

PROHIBITION M.P. AND HIS HOPES.

BRITAIN WILL "GO DRY" ONE DAY.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS' APATHY.

Mr. Edwin Scrymgeour, the Prohibitionist M.P. for Dundee, prophesies that Britain will eventually go "dry," and condemns temperance leaders as a barrier to Prohibition because, he says, they do not direct all their energies towards such a goal.

Mr. Scrymgeour entered the House of Commons with great éclat as a Socialist in 1922, when he beat Mr. Churchill at Dundee, but is not in his right atmosphere in Parliament. The style of speech that suits the street corner is ineffective at Westminster.

Prohibition is his one topic; he rarely speaks on anything else, and on that issue he rejects all compromise. For this reason members of his own party generally find it impossible to work with him.

In the passion of the zealot his sentences are fierce but unfinished, ardent but illogical. His speech is ragged. So is his hair—grey, too, and thinning now that he is 62 years old.

When not riding his pet hobby, however, he is a lovable Scot.

A DIM OUTLOOK.

LACK OF FAITH AMONG THE TEMPERANCE FORCES.

DUNDEE.

"There is a dim outlook which prevents one from making any prophecy as to how long prohibition will be in coming to Britain, but I feel convinced it will come," said Mr. Scrymgeour to a *Fressman*.

"There are no signs just now," he added, "on account of the want of faith and courage on the part of the temperance forces of the country but the situation will have to be confronted before very long."

The annual local option battle has just opened in Scotland, where the Temperance (Scotland) Act controls certain retail licence sales. This year it is not expected that there will be more than twenty local veto polls.

Dealing with the temperance position in Scotland Mr. Scrymgeour, who is organising secretary of the prohibition party, said:

"In my view the temperance position is justified entirely, because the Temperance (Scotland) Act is not acceptable to the Scottish people in general. The working people have a decided objection to merely interfering with what is commonly called the public-house, while there is to a considerable extent a safeguarding of clubs, hotels, and wholesale facilities for people in better circumstances."

The only practical solution to the whole problem of liquor traffic, in our opinion, a demand for its total abolition. It is on these lines only that we maintain, and I emphatically declare that the main barrier to the attainment of prohibition in Britain is the unpopularity of the temperance party themselves to face their professed goal.

I have reached the conclusion that so far as the rank and file are concerned in England and Wales, as well as Scotland, if the leaders of the religious bodies and temperance parties were to come to one decision on the question and proceed to the attack on that one decision we should capture the great body of rank and file temperance workers in this country.

I fully recognise the position of prohibition in the United States, but if we secured it here I am sure we should make a far better job of the application of the law.

ROAD ACCIDENTS.

INQUEST COMPARISON WITH MINES AND RAILWAYS.

Remarkable statistics concerning road accidents were given by Mr. Brighouse, the coroner, at a Wigan inquest on the victim of a motoring accident.

He stated that in the past twenty months in all South Lancashire he held only eighteen inquests concerning railway deaths and sixty-two inquests on colliery accidents, compared with 119 inquests on road accidents.

"I think that the time has now arrived," he added, "when the legislature ought to take immediate steps to hold an inquiry, first on whether a driver of a motor-car ought not to show that he is qualified to drive, and then that they should pass such rules and regulations for the government of traffic on the highways as will lead to the decrease of these fatalities."

PARIS HOUSE OF TRAGEDY.

SEQUENCE OF VIOLENT DEATHS.

Montmartre, the haunt of the apache, has added one more thrill to its list of sinister attractions—it now includes a "house of tragedy" for the visitor in search of local colour.

Since last month Paris guides have been conducting their clients to the Rue des Martyrs, a placid-looking street which runs from Notre Dame de Lorette almost into the Place Pigalle, in the very heart of the famous, night life centre. Outside the house are to be seen at any hour of the day and night clusters of people talking in whispers and discussing the latest tragedy enacted within the building, making the fourth in the past three years.

Man Shot Dead.

The latest victim of the "house of tragedy" is "Mr. René," the Don Juan of Montmartre, a handsome and flashy young rake with a jaunty air, but with a quick temper and still quicker hand with the knife. He was found shot dead in his room with a bullet from his own revolver.

The police reject the theory of suicide, and have detained his young and pretty friend, Mlle. Suzanne Chaplain, a typical Montmartre brunette, with dark, flashing eyes and sensuous lips and the lithe and sinuous form of a Carmen.

The couple were well known in the night resorts of "La Butte"—"M. René" for his fierce passion for his companion, and Mlle. Chaplain for her gay and butterfly nature, which often provoked and frequently exasperated the jaunty and jealous Don Juan.

Story Of A Threat.

The girl ran downstairs to the caretaker's lodge and said her friend had wounded himself, and that she was going to fetch an ambulance and inform the police. She told the police that her lover had threatened to "do her in." A violent scene took place, and during a struggle, she declared, the revolver which the man held went off, and a bullet pierced his heart.

The girl believed that he was only wounded, and without troubling to examine the body, ran downstairs to bring help. When she returned with the police she realised that he was dead.

The first violent death in the "house of tragedy" was that of Mme. Abrico, who ran a small and ill-famed café on the ground floor. Her body was found in the back room. The till had been emptied, but no trace of the murderer has ever been found.

The next victim was a boy of sixteen, the son of a Paris music-hall actress. He was found shot, and the police said it was a case of suicide. Neighbours still whisper mysteriously about his death.

Victim number three was Mme. Youssau, who died from poisoning, but no trace of the hand which administered it has ever been found.

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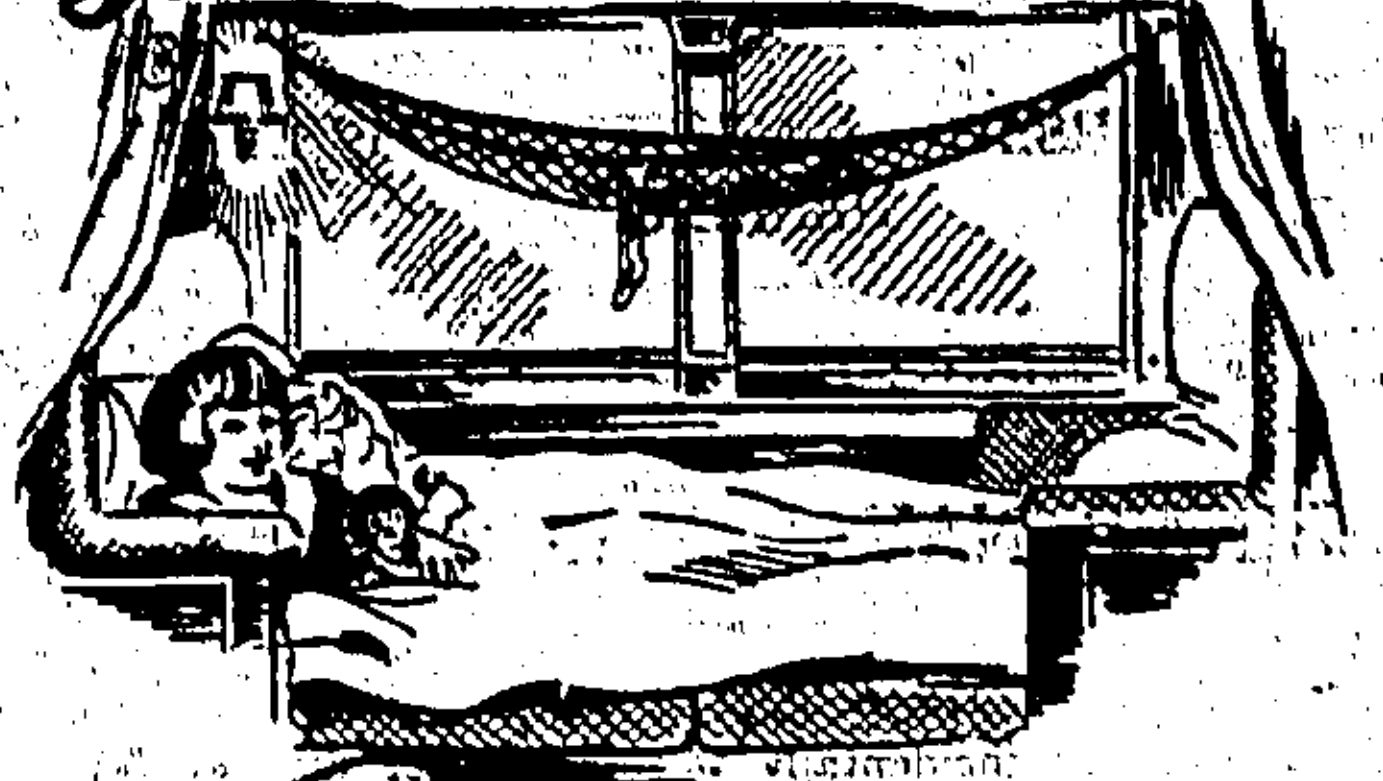
the mother of three children. Some time ago a particular friend of mine told me how he was cured by the Poo On Chinese Herbs, and I had also read his advertisements in the papers—how others were benefited by these herbs. So I sent my wife down to see the Herbalist, I understood then that the herbs could cure her in a short time. A few days later my wife and I having decided to take the herb treatment, called on the Herbalist for some Herbs. After a few doses she was considerably better, and continued taking the herbs for a while when she was completely cured. All her pains disappeared and she gained in weight and felt better than she had in years. I can truthfully say that the Herbs made a complete cure of all her troubles and she has felt like a different person ever since." "I myself have been cured by the Poo On Chinese Herbs, and my children too have found the Herbs a great relief to their various ailments."

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A Protest has been noted by the Master against bad weather.

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Hong Kong, 1st Oct., 1928. [6785]

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PEER AND "HOPELESS" HEIR.

HON. LAURENCE PALK'S PLEA TO COURT.

ANOTHER THEFT CHARGE.

The Hon. Laurence Edward Broomfield Palk, aged 32, son and heir of Lord Haldon, described as a clerk, appeared on remand at Croydon charged with stealing from Morland-avenue, Croydon, a gold brooch and a shirt, valued at £3 17s. 6d., the property of Mr. Lawrence A. V. Bucknell, a cable engineer.

Palk had previously appeared before the Broomsgrove magistrates, charged with being in possession of articles belonging to Mr. Bucknell. A police officer then said that Palk had offered to make a statement about other property which had been taken.

Palk was also charged with stealing other property from Mr. Bucknell. He pleaded guilty to taking a certain amount.

Detective Bampton produced a gold watch and chain, a gold brooch, a silver cigarette case, a shirt and a pair of trousers, which he said had been recovered on pawn tickets given up by Palk.

Palk: I have no knowledge whatever of the other things. If I had taken all the articles mentioned in the charges I should have admitted it at once.

Mr. Bucknell said that he returned from Brazil on July 10th and found Palk staying at his home. He gave him permission to remain until he (Palk) went abroad. He left home on August 4th and later heard that Palk had been arrested in Worcestershire with certain property of his in his possession.

The Mayor (Mr. Chamberlain): Was he a paying guest or enjoying your hospitality?

Mr. Bucknell: He was enjoying hospitality.

Palk: I was going to be a paying guest.

Mr. Bucknell: Yes, but you were not.

Palk's Plea. Palk handed in a written statement as follows: "I crave your indulgence for this statement, which I offer in mitigation. I was practically forced by circumstances over which I had little or no control to lead a life of deception during my stay at Morland-avenue."

"It has been given out, not by myself, and generally accepted, that I was a man of certain small means, and that I was shortly to join a brother of a mutual friend abroad in business."

"This latter arrangement had been considered by myself and many others as definitely fixed, and if only finances had permitted I should have left England weeks ago. Suddenly the whole matter was cancelled by a letter from the gentleman in question."

"The disappointment was a severe shock to me, as after my past I had looked upon it as my final chance in life. One desire was uppermost in my mind—to drown my disappointment and try and forget. It was in these circumstances I fell to temptation."

"On realising full the situation, I journeyed to the Midlands for the purpose of explaining to friends and raising the necessary funds to correct the matter. Unfortunately my friends had journeyed to London, and by the time they had returned the matter had progressed too far and become too complicated, so that I was powerless to do anything further."

"I am forced, therefore, to throw myself on the mercy of the court, as whatever might be my explanation, especially of the first charge, I cannot alter my plea now before the court. I beg that my physical condition be taken into account and that my sentence should be in the second division."

The Mayor: What do you mean by your physical condition?—I am not very strong at present. My recent escapade in Worcestershire has undermined my health.

Divisional Detective-Inspector Hedges said he was sorry to say that Lord Haldon had described his son as hopeless. Palk was repatriated from Nairobi under a Vagrancy Act in 1921.

In 1922 at Westminster he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the second division for stealing clothing.

Last year at Marylebone he was given four months' imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretences, and in March of the present year, at Tottenham, had two months' hard labour for stealing rings when he was acting as a servant.

The mayor said that they had decided to adjourn sentence for a week. Palk would therefore remain in custody. They had directed the probation officer to see him and report.

EPIDEMIC AMONG CITY WORKERS.

NURSES RUSHED TO GIRLS IN AGONY.

HEALTH AUTHORITIES ALARMED.

IMPORTED MEAT SUSPECTED.

LONDON, September 8th. Another outbreak of food poisoning has occurred in London, and the medical authorities are becoming alarmed, says the Daily Mail.

In the latest attack 18 girls living at the Green Cross Club, Guilford Street, Bloomsbury, have been attacked by a malady the symptoms of which are exactly similar to that which recently attacked 75 London policemen.

It was believed that the disease was conveyed to the affected policemen by means of ham-bought in the police canteen. Cases occurred at Bow Street, Rochester Row, and Notting Hill police stations. A constable attached to the House of Commons staff died from the disease, but its cause was never satisfactorily cleared up.

All the girls at the Green Cross Club were taken suddenly ill on Thursday night. Most of them are employed in city offices and several complained of sickness during the afternoon, but it was until they returned in the evening that the malady became serious.

Several girls then collapsed with violent internal pains, and a doctor who was called in diagnosed food poisoning.

Every few minutes fresh victims claimed attention and nurses had to be summoned to attend the patients, many of whom were in agony. As in the case of the poisoned policemen, all the patients developed high temperatures and their condition was serious for several hours.

Yesterday, however, it was stated that all the girls were showing signs of improvement. A few had been allowed to get up in their rooms, but some were still in a serious condition.

Dr. Snowden, the medical officer of St. Pancras, and other officials spent several hours trying to trace the cause of the outbreak. It was discovered that all those who had been attacked had eaten bacon, which was part of the breakfast menu on Thursday morning, but others who also ate bacon were unaffected.

The experts think the poisoning may be due to a side of imported bacon or to imported veal which was served at dinner on Wednesday.

Samples of the remainder of the bacon and veal and all the other foods taken by the victims at the club during the 48 hours before the outbreak are being subjected to analytical and bacteriological examination.

Watch On Victims.

Special precautions have been taken to prevent a spread of the disease in case it should prove to be of a contagious character. Throat swabs have been taken of all the girls in the club and laboratory tests are being made on them.

Observation is being kept on the symptoms of the victims. The authorities hope to be able to trace the source of the infection when the laboratory reports are completed in a day or two.

Miss G. Hunt, who is temporarily in charge of the club, told a Daily Mail reporter yesterday:—

I myself ate bacon at breakfast on Thursday, but have suffered no ill-effects. There was nothing about any of the food to arouse suspicion that it was not quite sound. Until the experts have decided the cause of the outbreak it is not possible to say whether the bacon was to blame or not.

The authorities are tracing the origin of all the food in the club, and it is expected that the source of the trouble will be established.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Oct. 3rd.

Barometer...	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.	On Date at 1 p.m.
Barometer...	29.83	29.89	29.90
Temperature...	83	78	79
Humidity...	62	75	76
Wind...			
Direction...	NE	ENE	E
Force...	0	6	0
Weather...	0	0	0
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature, 82; 83

Lowest open-air Temperature, 81; 77

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From October 4th to 10th, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	4	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		1 38	5 3	6 48	1 8
Fri.	5	0 24	7 4	8 3	2 0
		2 24	4 8	6 9	4 5
Sat.	6	1 13	7 3	9 31	2 1
		3 27	7 1	11 1	2 1
Sun.	7	No infer. high or low			
		No infer. high or low			
Mon.	8	4 4	6 9	0 19	1 9
		8 31	5 3	11 1	5 1
Tues.	9	5 36	6 9	1 7	1 9
		8 16	5 4		
Wed.	10	6 52	7 0	0 23	4 7
		8 24	5 7	1 46	2 0

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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE WEDNESDAY	FOR
TJILEBOET	DALAT, AMOT	8th Oct.	10th Oct. 4 p.m.	MAXARER & SOERABAYA
TJIKARANG	S'RAL, K'LUNG, & AMOT	15th Oct.	17th Oct. 4 p.m.	MAXARER & SOERABAYA
TJIKINI	DALAT, AMOT	22nd Oct.	24th Oct. 4 p.m.	MAXARER & SOERABAYA
TJISAROE	S'RAL, K'LUNG, & AMOT	29th Oct.	31st Oct. 4 p.m.	MAXARER & SOERABAYA
TJIMANEOK	DALAT, AMOT	5th Nov.	7th Nov. 4 p.m.	MAXARER & SOERABAYA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIMANEOK	JAVA, MAXARER	5th Oct.	8th Oct.	AMOT, N. CHINA
TJISAROE	BATAVIA	10th Oct.	13th Oct.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, K'ELUNG
TJISALAK	JAVA, MAXARER	19th Oct.	22nd Oct.	AMOT, N. CHINA
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	24th Oct.	26th Oct.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, K'ELUNG
TJITAROEM	JAVA, MAXARER	2nd Nov.	4th Nov.	AMOT, N. CHINA

TO MANILA.

STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	FROM MANILA
TJILEBOET	10th October, 4 p.m.	13th October
TJIKINI	24th October, 4 p.m.	27th October
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